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就職活動もせず、いつも小説ばかり書いている勝に不満が募る真琴。将来に不安を感じ、真琴は同棲の誘いを断ってしまう。そんな中、勝が事故にあってしまい…!?

作者のことば

「永遠のテーマ…それはダイエット。最近はにがり、豆乳、黒酢、サプリメントなどいろいろ試したけれど、どれもイマイチ効果なし…。やっぱりやめられないチョコのせい？　動かない生活のせい？　それとも…トシのせい？　つ−か全部？」（あいざわ遥）

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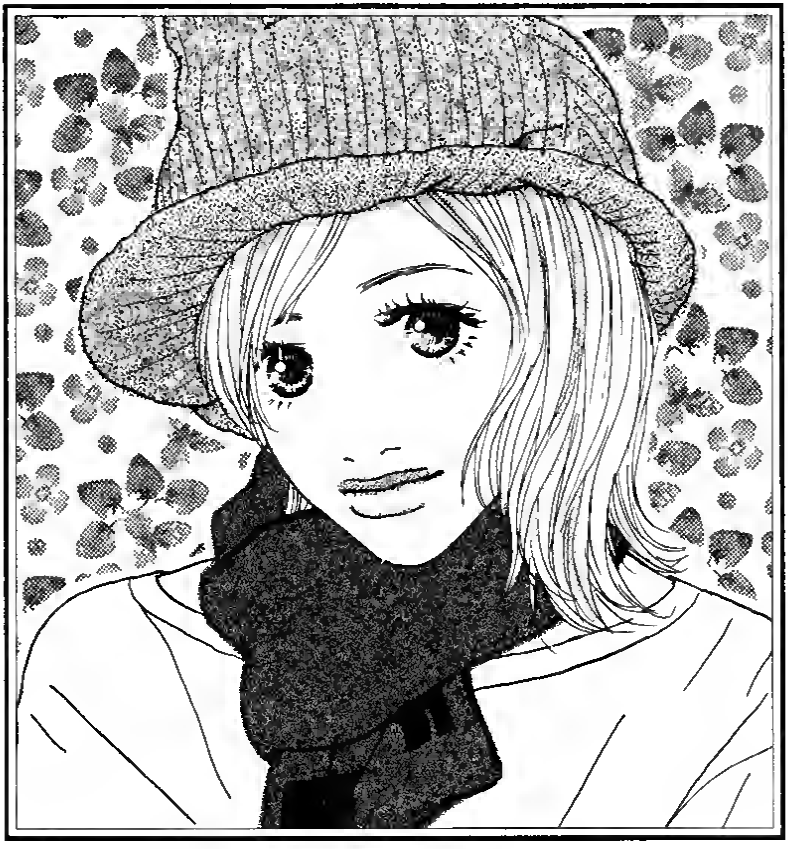

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THE STORY SO FAR

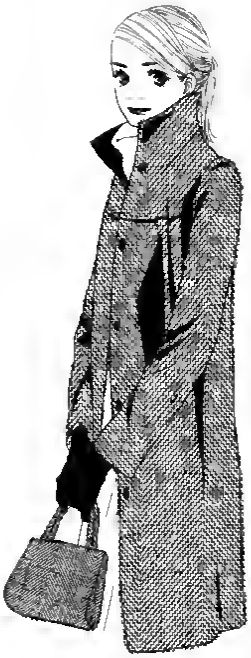
ABE MAKOTO IS A FASHIONABLE, MAKE-UP SAVVY COLLEGE STUDENT. SHE'S DATING FELLOW COLLEGE STUDENT SHIBUYA MASARU (SHIBUKATSU), BUT MASARU WASN'T MAKING HIS GIRLFRIEND FEEL SPECIAL, SO MAKOTO GOT TIRED OF THAT KIND OF LOVE.

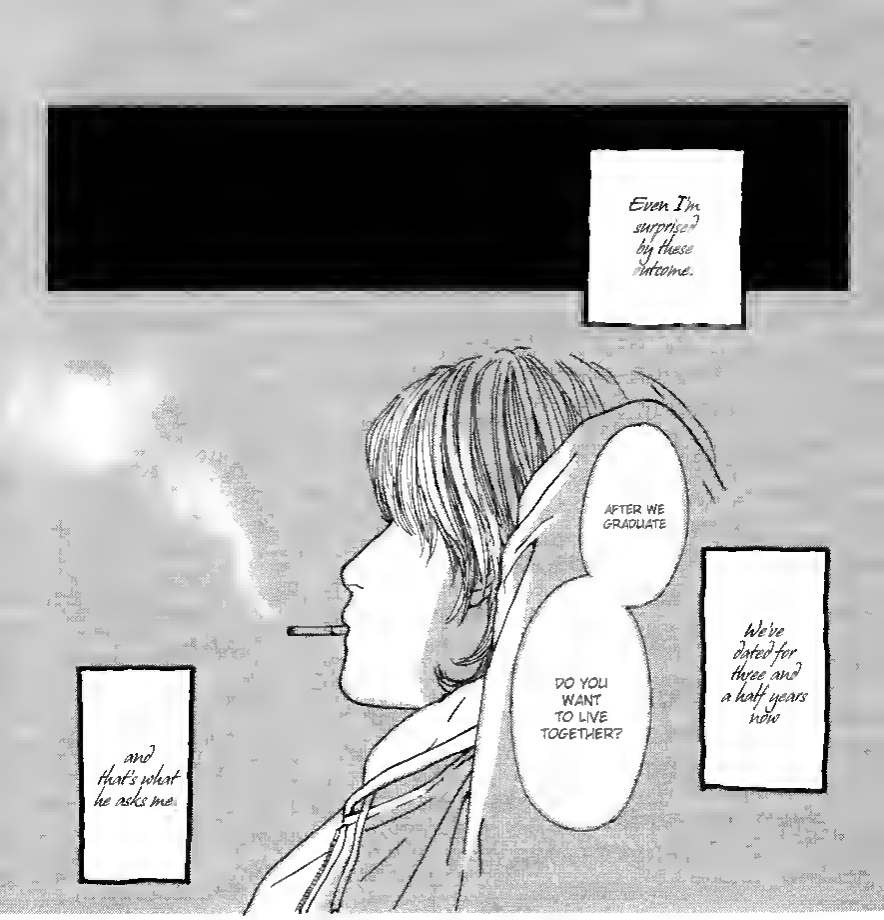
THEN TOMOKO, A GIRL MASARU KNEW FROM A PREVIOUS JOB, SHOWS UP.? MAKOTO SEES TOMOKO SPENDING A NIGHT AT MASARU'S PLACE AND SENDS HIM A TEXT SAYING, "LET'S BREAK UP."

MAKOTO WANTS TO QUICKLY FORGET MASARU, SO SHE CONTINUES TO AVOID HIM.? HOWEVER, ONE DAY A FRIEND INVITES HER ON A GROUP DATE WHERE MASARU SHOWS UP... THEY BOTH HAVE THINGS TO SAY TO EACH OTHER SO THEY AGREE TO TALK AND REVIVE THEIR RELATIONSHIP. FINALLY THEY'RE A STABLE COUPLE...

NEVERTHELESS, EVEN WITHOUT A JOB, MASARU WINS AN AWARD FOR HIS STORY. HE KEEPS MAKOTO FROM EVER SEEING THE STORY WHERE THIS IN TURN INVITES DISPLEASURE ON HER PART...

カラフルパレット




Even I'm surprised by these outcome.
AFTER WE GRADUATE
DO YOU WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER?
We've dated for three and a half years now
and that's what he asks me.

Actually, it was bewildering.
It made me feel like jumping up and down.
I'M GOING TO A PARTY WITH NORIKO.
SURE I HAVE TO GO
Sure
SHUT
I see Masaru at most once or twice a week.
Cake's a good gift right?
EH?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TIME I'LL BE BACK
I CAN MEET YOU THEN

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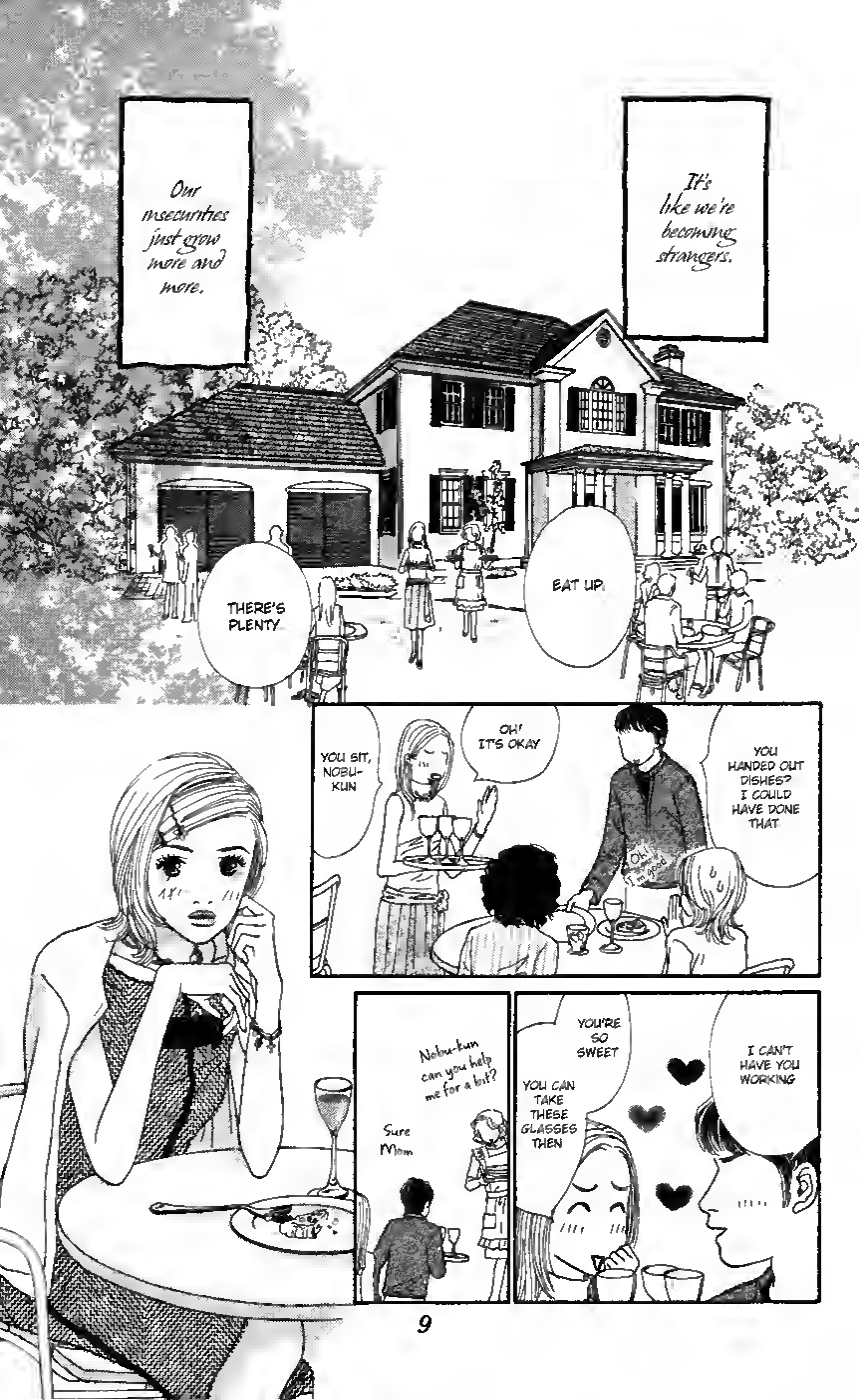
I feel like it makes things more special, and we have fewer problems when we meet.
But I don't see it as lonely.
Yoniuri lonely
小説クッキー
月刊小説
この会社の株価
AH!
THIS MAGAZINE!
I HEARD HE WON AN AWARD FOR IT
HE MUST BE GOOD TO HAVE IT PUBLISHED
.....
EH? YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT YOUR BOYFRIEND?
LET ME SEE THAT!!
THEY CALLED HIM THE MYSTERY KID AT THE SEMINAR
SHIRUKATSU'S STORY WAS PUBLISHED IN IT.
EH!?

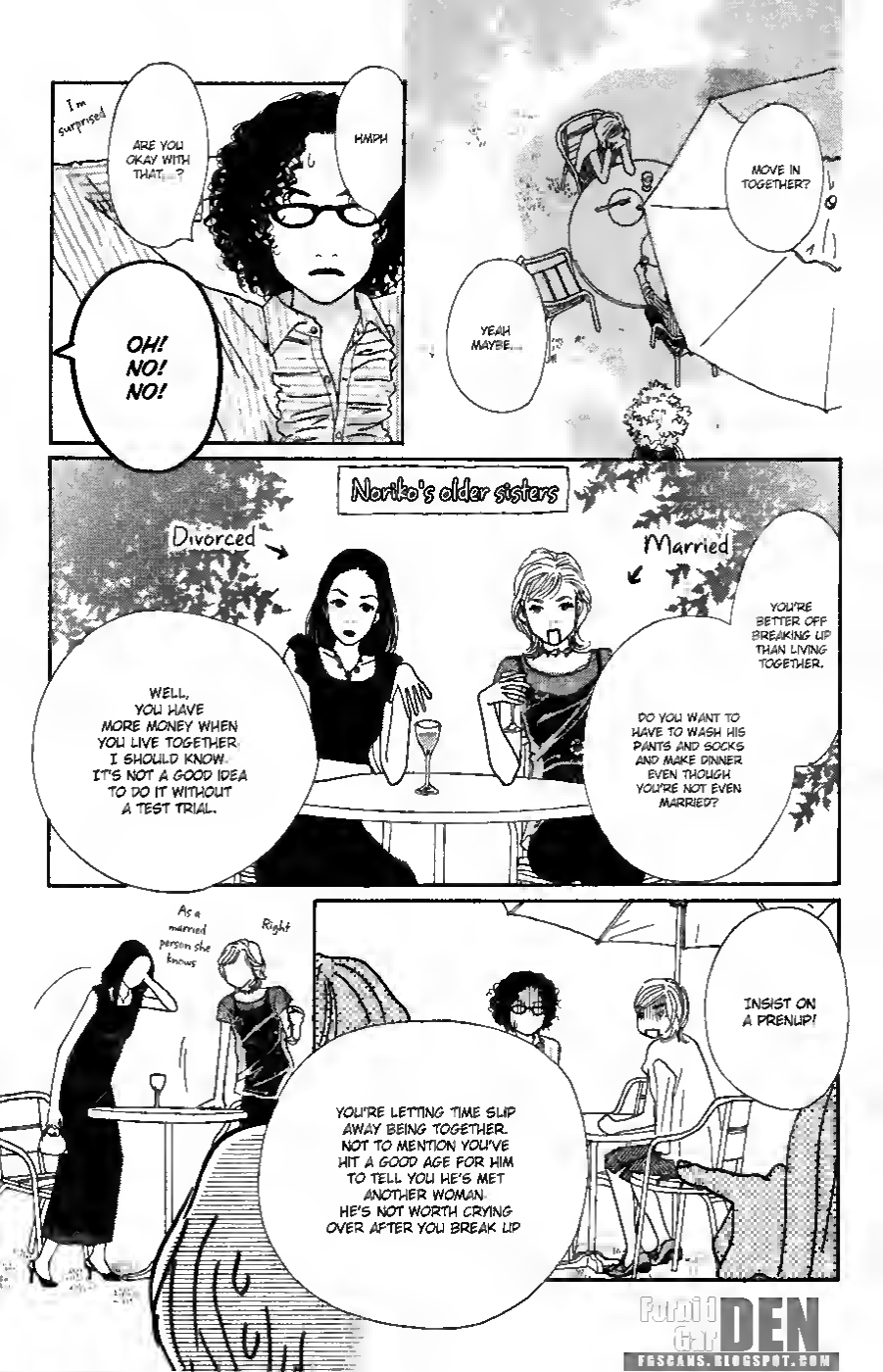
I WAS TOLD HE WAS FREELANCING WHILE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT.
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK I CAN GO OUT AFTER LEARNING THIS?
I'M NOT SURE...
But
I NEVER EVEN SAW HIM WRITE IT!!
BUT WHY DIDN'T I KNOW IT WAS PUBLISHED?!

That wasn't even the problem.

On the contrary, bit by bit each day


Our insecurities just grow more and more.
It's like we're becoming strangers.
THERE'S PLENTY
EAT UP.
YOU SIT, NOBU-KUN
OH! IT'S OKAY
YOU HANDED OUT DISHES? I COULD HAVE DONE THAT
Oh! I'm good
Nobu-kun can you help me for a bit?
Sure Mom
YOU'RE SO SWEET
YOU CAN TAKE THESE GLASSES THEN
I CAN'T HAVE YOU WORKING

I'll take half then
It's okay
They're so lovey dovey
.....
YOU THINK SHE'LL BE AN ELITE BUSINESSMAN'S WIFE AFTER GRADUATION?
I envy her
He had a garden party at his house
HE TREATS NORIKO LIKE A REAL LADY
HE'S HEAD OVER HEALS FOR NORIKO
HE SURE IS A NICE AND HONEST GUY
HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH SHIRUKATSU?
FOR SOME REASON
I'M SUPER JEALOUS
HAS HE TALKED ABOUT MARRIAGE?
EH?
WHAT ?!
EHH..
.....
HE HAS?!
For real?!
NO, NOT MARRIAGE


I'm surprised
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT...?
HMPH
OH! NO! NO!
MOVE IN TOGETHER?
YEAH MAYBE...
Noriko's older sisters
Divorced
Married
WELL, YOU HAVE MORE MONEY WHEN YOU LIVE TOGETHER. I SHOULD KNOW. IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO DO IT WITHOUT A TEST TRIAL.
YOU'RE BETTER OFF BREAKING UP THAN LIVING TOGETHER.
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE TO WASH HIS PANTS AND SOCKS AND MAKE DINNER EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT EVEN MARRIED?
As a married person she knows
Right
YOU'RE LETTING TIME SLIP AWAY BEING TOGETHER. NOT TO MENTION YOU'VE HIT A GOOD AGE FOR HIM TO TELL YOU HE'S MET ANOTHER WOMAN. HE'S NOT WORTH CRYING OVER AFTER YOU BREAK UP
INSIST ON A PRENUP!

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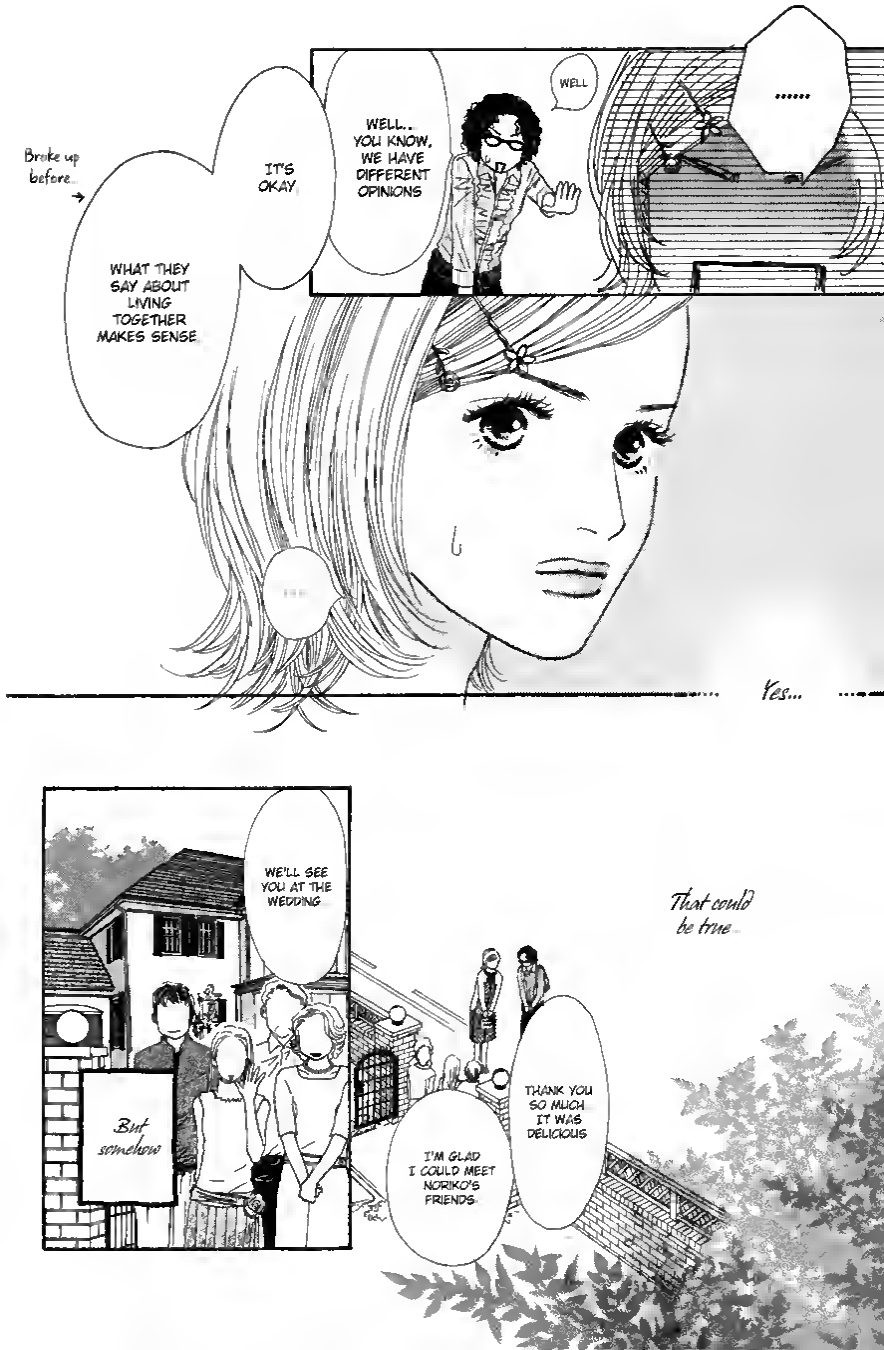
Broke up before...
WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT LIVING TOGETHER MAKES SENSE.
IT'S OKAY.
WELL.. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS
WELL
.....
..... Yes... .....
That could be true...
WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE WEDDING
But somehow
I'M GLAD I COULD MEET NORIKO'S FRIENDS.
THANK YOU SO MUCH IT WAS DELICIOUS

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Hakodate Trip Diary

On June 3rd we went to Hakodate

Goryokaku Park

A star shaped park and beautifully green.

The lilacs were in full bloom

Pretty white and purple.

She ate ice cream near the statue of Ishikawa Takuboku while the cold wind blew

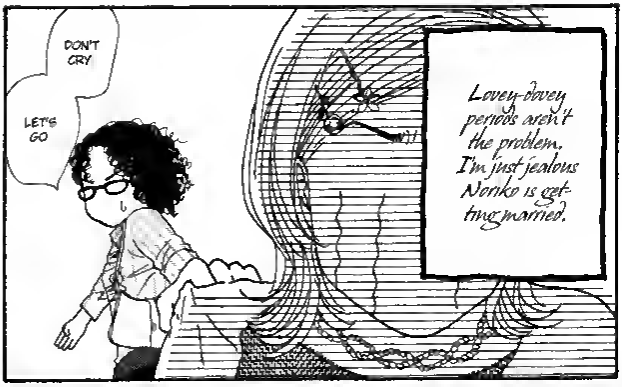
It's a struggle with my daughter being two

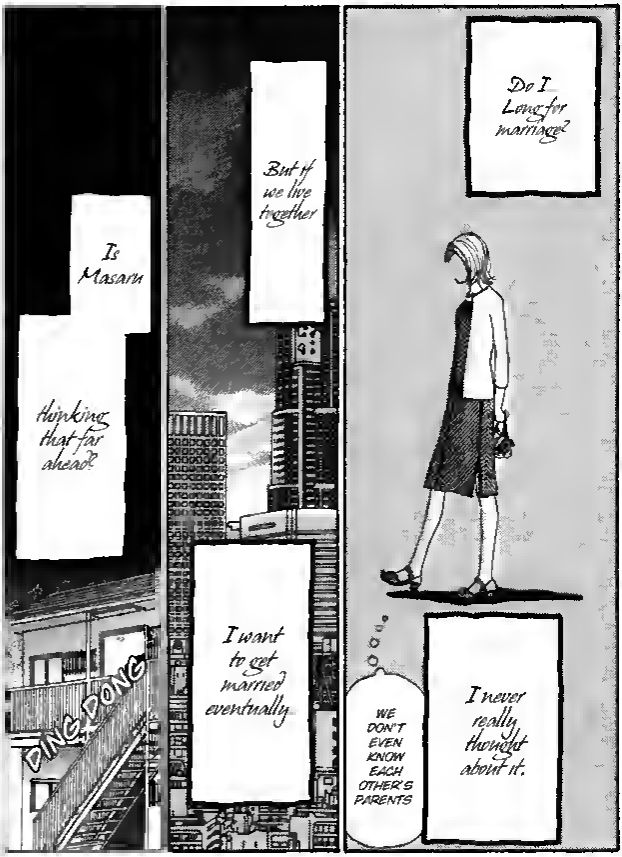
The next day we went to a Trapp stine monastery

Beautiful garden.

There are many Trappistine monasteries across the nation (I didn't know that)

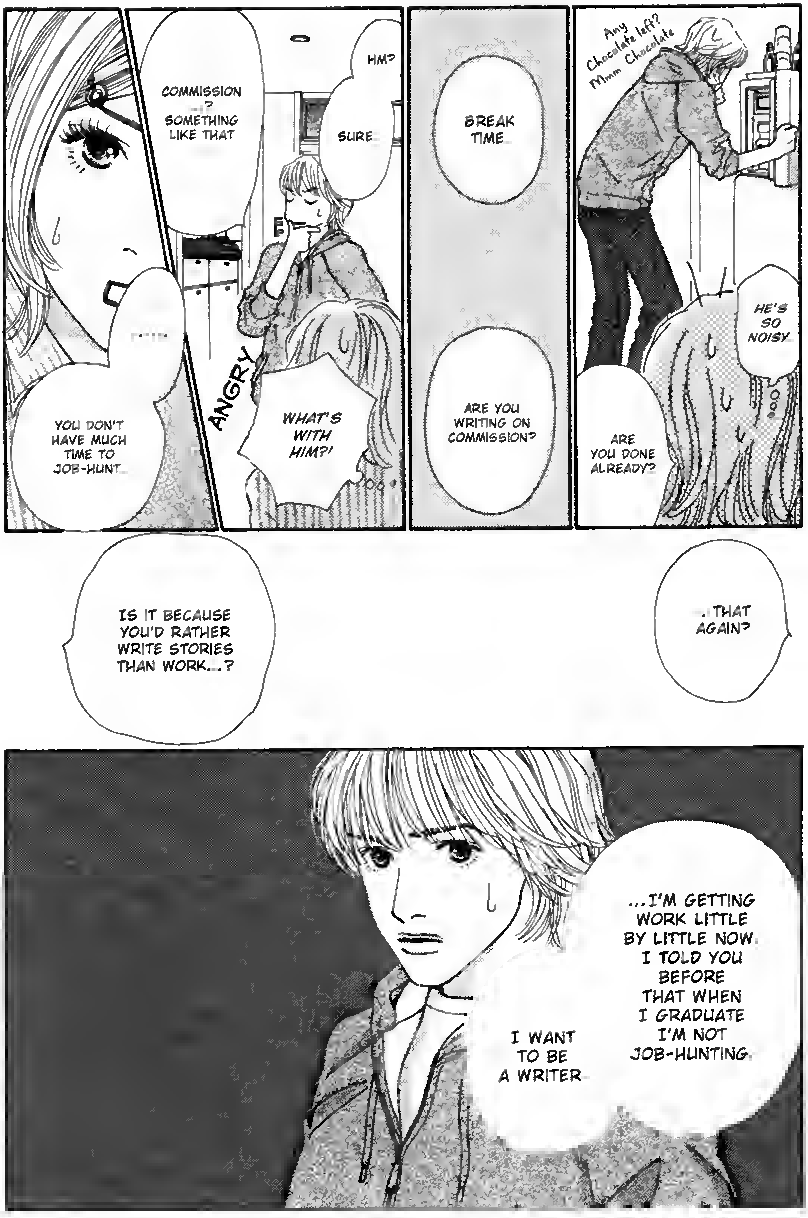
← Their famous cookies but these were madeleine.




Is Masaru thinking that far ahead?
But if we live together
I want to get married eventually
DING DONG
Do I Long for marriage?
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW EACH OTHER'S PARENTS
I never really thought about it.

Right now
when I look at Masaru it makes me all sulky
Hmm
IT WAS REALLY FANCY
Heesagh
YO.
HOW WAS THE LUNCHEON?
HMPH.
I HAVE HOMEWORK FOR COSMETIC CLASS. I ALSO HAVE A TENTATIVE BUSINESS MEETING SO I'LL BE BUSY THIS WEEK.
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WEEK?
Oh! Ice cream.
HMM.
TYPICAL OF YOU.
Why do we feel so distant from each other?

But maybe,
SIGH
HE'S HOLED HIMSELF UP FOR A WEEK JUST WRITING
HE ISN'T JOB-HUNTING
SORRY DO YOU MIND?
NO
CLICK
it's to avoid fighting
Startle
AH!
You startled me
WH-
WHAT?
I DRANK THE TEA


Any Chocolate left? Mhm Chocolate
HE'S SO NOISY
BREAK TIME
ARE YOU WRITING ON COMMISSION?
ARE YOU DONE ALREADY?
HM?
SURE
COMMISSION ? SOMETHING LIKE THAT
ANGRY
WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO JOB-HUNT
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'D RATHER WRITE STORIES THAN WORK...?
...THAT AGAIN?
I WANT TO BE A WRITER
...I'M GETTING WORK LITTLE BY LITTLE NOW. I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT WHEN I GRADUATE I'M NOT JOB-HUNTING.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU WRITE TO GET YOUR STORY GOING WHILE LOOKING FOR WORK.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF YOU CAN'T TAKE A COMPANY OFFER
IS IT JUST THAT JOB-HUNTING IS A BOTHER ?!
.....
YOU THINK I ENJOY IT?
DON'T YOU THINK PEOPLE HAVE HARDSHIPS WHILE SEARCHING FOR WORK?!
.....
I'M TELLING YOU NOW
I DON'T THINK YOU'LL EVER UNDERSTAND, MAKOTO.
I DON'T GET IT!
FWAP
YOU WON'T EVEN TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE WRITING OR WHAT YOU'RE WORKING ON.

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I HAD TO HEAR ABOUT IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE!
IT WAS AT THE BOOKSTORE
!!
YOU READ IT?!
DON'T BUY THE BOOK!
DON'T READ IT!
What was that about...?
.....

EH?
.....
ABOUT LIVING TOGETHER.
—IS THERE A NEED TO TELL THEM?
WHAT DO WE INTEND TO TELL OUR PARENTS?
I knew it ...
Somehow, I knew...

We haven't talked about it at all.

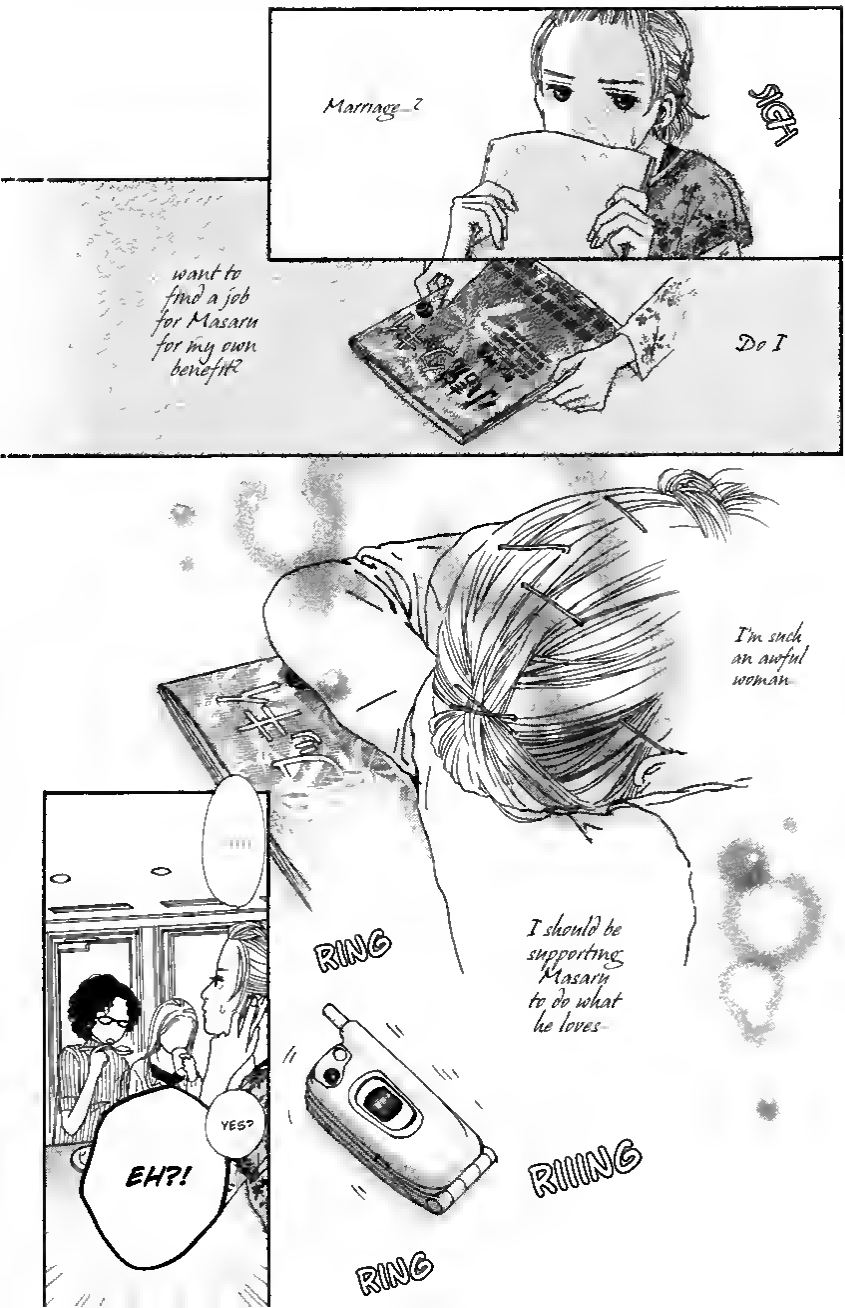
He doesn't even intend to tell his parents he's not working, so Masaru's "Let's live together" is just that, living together.

He doesn't plan on getting married.

We're not in sync with each other one bit.

MASARU
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ...
LIVE TOGETHER

SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE BREAKING UP.
THIS TIME YOU HAVE THE JOB OFFER, HE STILL CAN'T GET ONE AND IT'S AWKWARD.
SO THEN—
Sounds like a bad start anyway
WE DON'T INTEND ON BREAKING UP!
OH, I KNOW.
I THOUGHT WE COULD CLEAR THINGS UP TOWARDS MARRIAGE
I FIGURED WE COULD TALK ABOUT "MARRIAGE" IT'S HARD TO CONVEY THE NUANCE
We don't intend on breaking up
but I did refuse to move in with him.
I don't know what I'll do with that.


Marriage...?
SIGH
want to find a job for Masaru for my own benefit?
Do I
I'm such an awful woman...
I should be supporting Masaru to do what he loves...
RING
RIIING
RING
YES?
EH?!

HIT BY A CAR?!
MASARU?
AT THE HOSPITAL?!
SCREECH
AH, IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS I JUST FRACTURED MY LEG
THEY ONLY ADMITTED ME JUST TO BE SAFE

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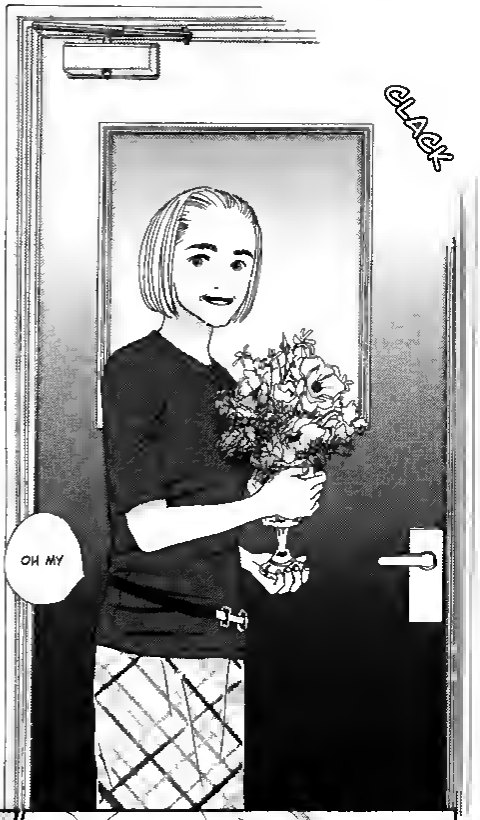
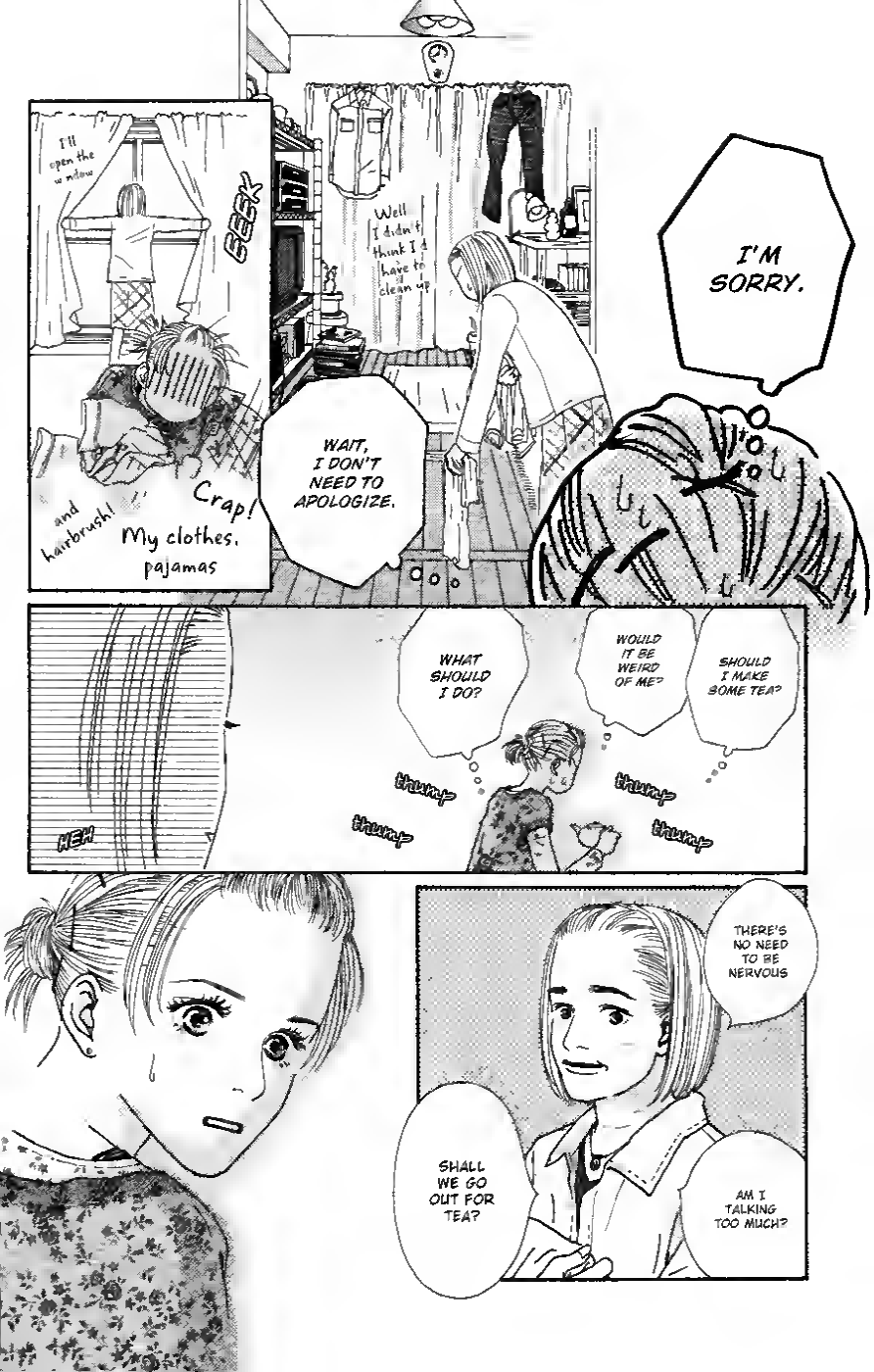
ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT? I'M SORRY
IT'S OKAY... UMM
THIS IS ABE MAKOTO-SAN
Silent
HANG ON.
WAIT A MINUTE.

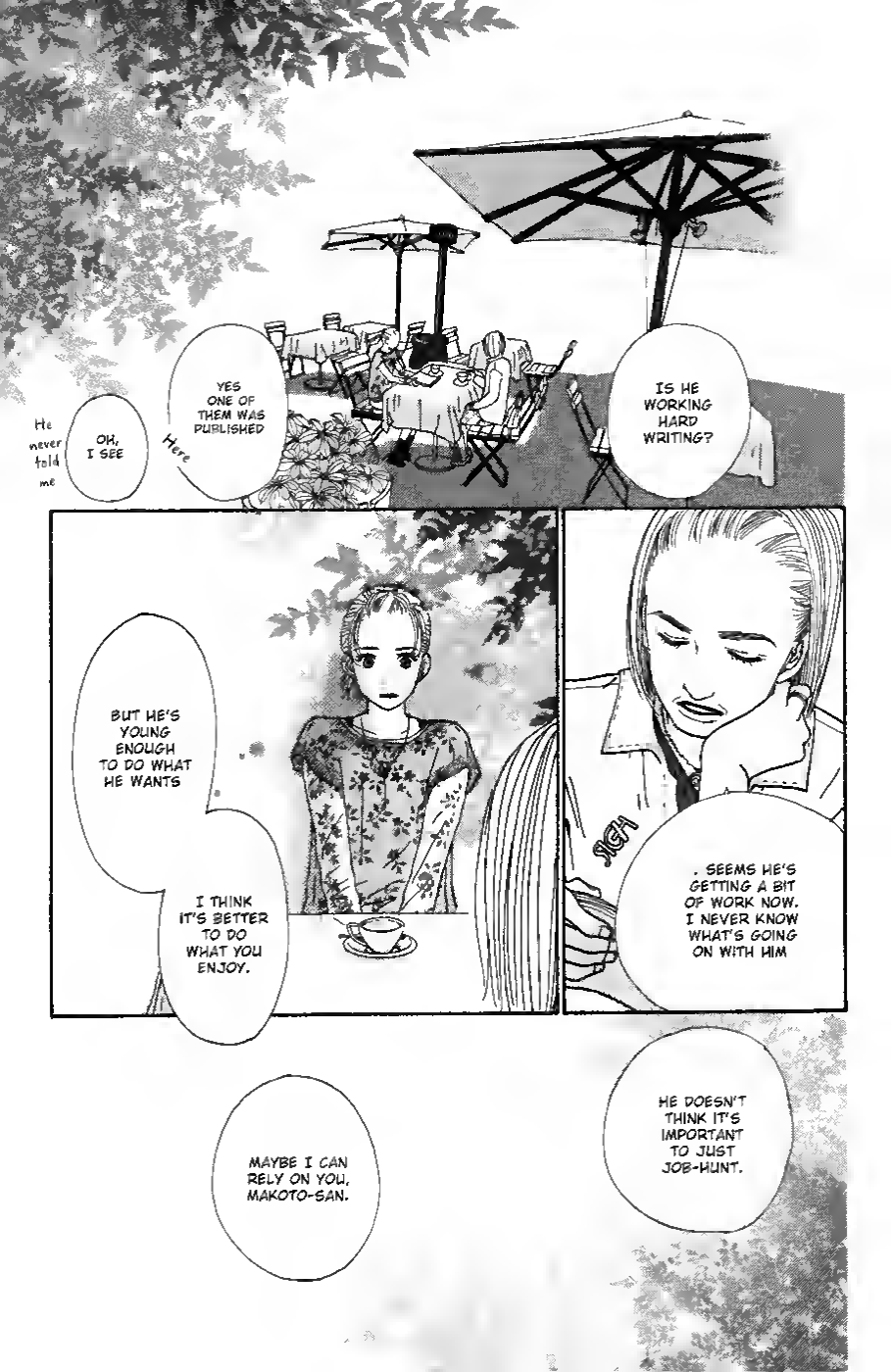
OHH
Your girlfriend

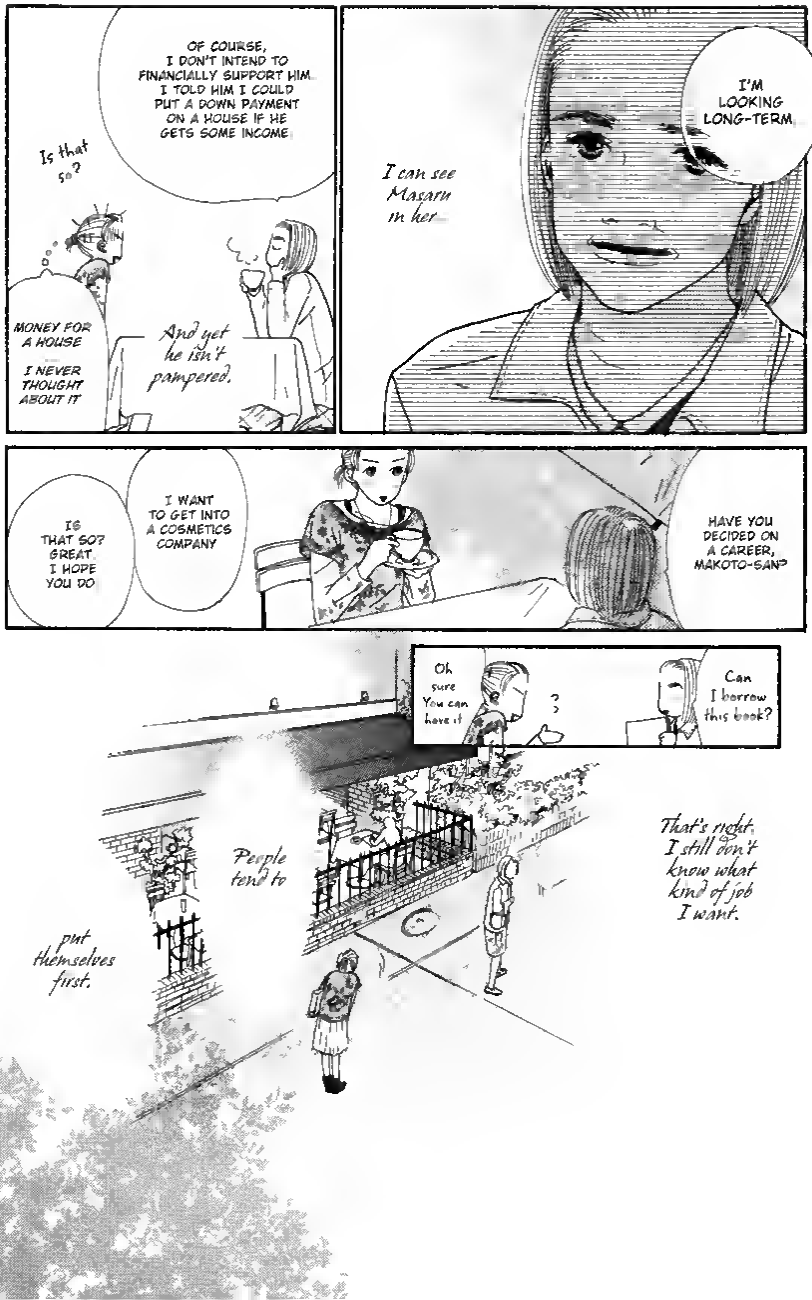

CLACK
OH MY

HEY NOW.
EEEK.
NICE TO MEET YOU...
OF ALL THE TIMES TO MEET HIS MOTHER..
SORRY, MAKOTO, BUT COULD YOU SHOW HER THE WAY?
MY MOM WILL BE STAYING AT THE APARTMENT FOR A FEW DAYS
THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER HIM...

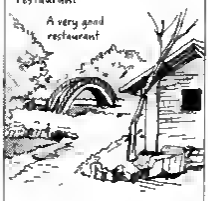
I'M JUST GLAD IT WASN'T SERIOUS
I FEEL BAD FOR THE DRIVER IN THE ACCIDENT.
THAT IDIOT SON OF MINE WAS READING A BOOK WHILE RIDING A BIKE...
AH, WE'RE HERE.
gasp
WOULD IT BE WEIRD IF I HAD A KEY?
clack
It's the first time I've been to my son's place
OH MY.
WHAT A MESSY ROOM.


I'll open the window
SCRAPE
Well I didn't think I'd have to clean up
I'M SORRY.
WAIT, I DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
Crap! My clothes, pajamas and hairbrush!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WOULD IT BE WEIRD OF ME?
SHOULD I MAKE SOME TEA?
thump
thump
thump
thump
HEH
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE NERVOUS
SHALL WE GO OUT FOR TEA?
AM I TALKING TOO MUCH?


He never told me
OH, I SEE
Here
YES ONE OF THEM WAS PUBLISHED
IS HE WORKING HARD WRITING?
BUT HE'S YOUNG ENOUGH TO DO WHAT HE WANTS
I THINK IT'S BETTER TO DO WHAT YOU ENJOY.
SIGH
. SEEMS HE'S GETTING A BIT OF WORK NOW. I NEVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM
HE DOESN'T THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO JUST JOB-HUNT.
MAYBE I CAN RELY ON YOU, MAKOTO-SAN.

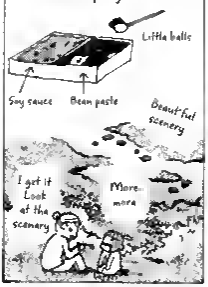

OF COURSE, I DON'T INTEND TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT HIM. I TOLD HIM I COULD PUT A DOWN PAYMENT ON A HOUSE IF HE GETS SOME INCOME.
Is that so?
MONEY FOR A HOUSE
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT
And yet he isn't pampered.
I'M LOOKING LONG-TERM.
I can see Masaru in her.
IS THAT SO? GREAT. I HOPE YOU DO.
I WANT TO GET INTO A COSMETICS COMPANY
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A CAREER, MAKOTO-SAN?
Oh sure You can have it
?
Can I borrow this book?
That's right. I still don't know what kind of job I want.
People tend to
put themselves first.

Walking on further to Onuma we ate lunch at a lakeside restaurant



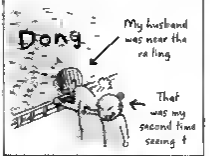
Onuma was dotted with songbirds and linked by a bridge I thought about looking around but it wasn't very big

Moving to our sightseeing spot I bought some pastries from a store at the base of a stream We had two different kinds of dumplings



If you go to Hakodate go at night The nightscape on the mountain is the main attraction

However, don't look down



Maybe the scales will tip in my favor

I'm still 22

UH OH...

I'M LATE FOR MAKE-UP CLASS...

KNOCK KNOCK

EXCUSE ME...

OH

OH, MAKOTO-SAN...

GOOD TIMING

This isn't the end.

I'LL COME AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE DISCHARGED
I'LL BE GOING BACK HOME SOON.
MAKOTO-SAN, I'M SORRY. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MASARU FOR ME
I WORRY WHEN I'M AWAY FROM HOME TOO LONG.
HE DOESN'T NEED ME WITH NURSES HOVERING OVER HIM
EH ?
UMM
SEE YOU LATER.
SORRY. MY MOM FUSSES OVER ME.
IT'S OKAY.
PHEW

I HAVEN'T TALKED TO MY FOLKS IN A WHILE.
I SHOULD VISIT THEM AFTER GRADUATION.
I'M INDEPENDENT NOW.
THEY UNDERSTAND I CAN'T ALWAYS TALK TO THEM
BUT
YOU CAN STILL RELY ON THEM
YOU HAVE A GOOD MOM.
OH YEAH, WE WERE FIGHTING
...

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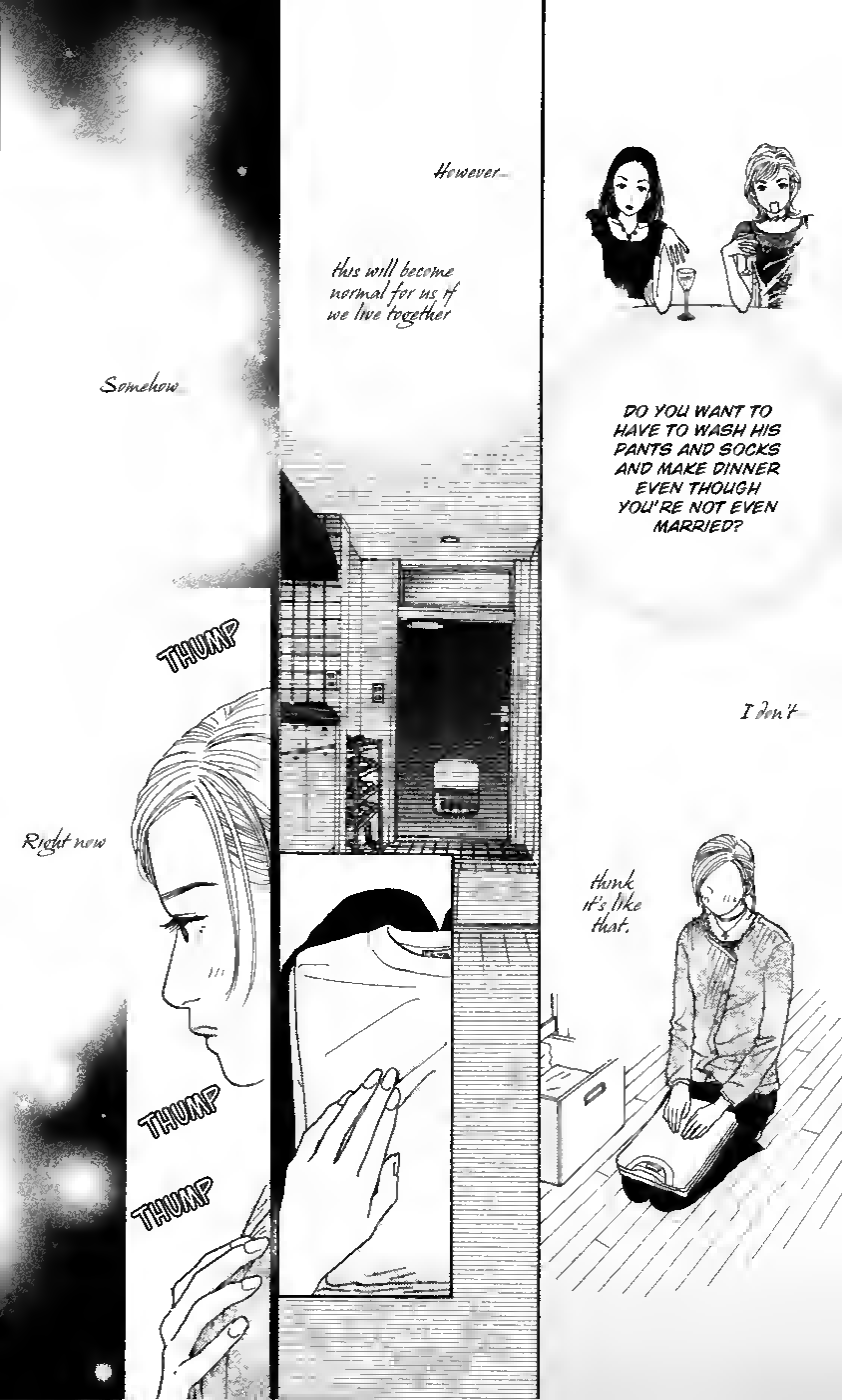
DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOUR MOTHER TOLD ME TO.
.....
OH YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO WHAT SHE SAYS
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH UNDERWEAR? NEED ANY BOOKS? I CAN GET THEM
...IS THIS ALL YOUR LAUNDRY?
OKAY, I'LL BRING IT
MY COMPUTER, THEN.
... THANK YOU.

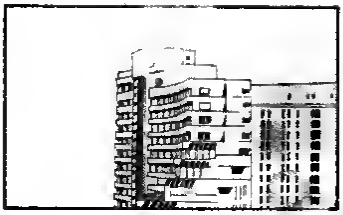
Sparkle
SHE EVEN TIDIED UP MY STUFF.
Hahaha
IT'S SUPER CLEAN.
Creek

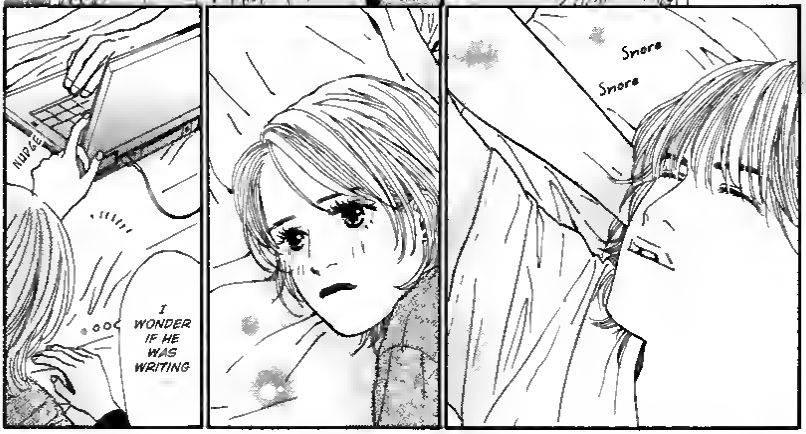
Whoosh
Whoosh
Whoosh
Whoosh
Whoosh
FWAP
FWAP
Erm
Bra and underwear


However...
this will become normal for us if we live together
Somehow
DO YOU WANT TO HAVE TO WASH HIS PANTS AND SOCKS AND MAKE DINNER EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT EVEN MARRIED?
I don't
Hmm, it's like that.
THUMP
Right now
THUMP
THUMP

I'm filled with

feelings of love.





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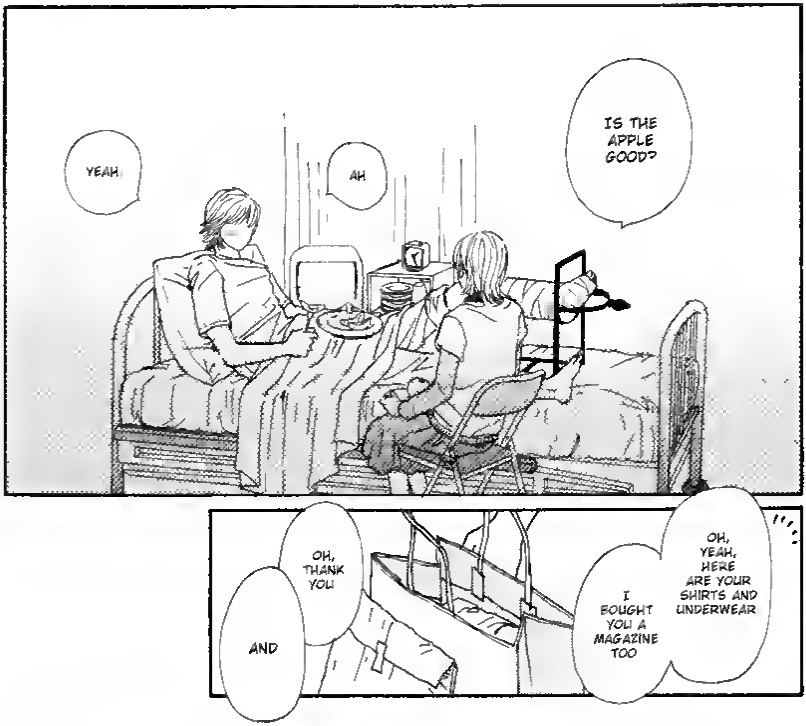
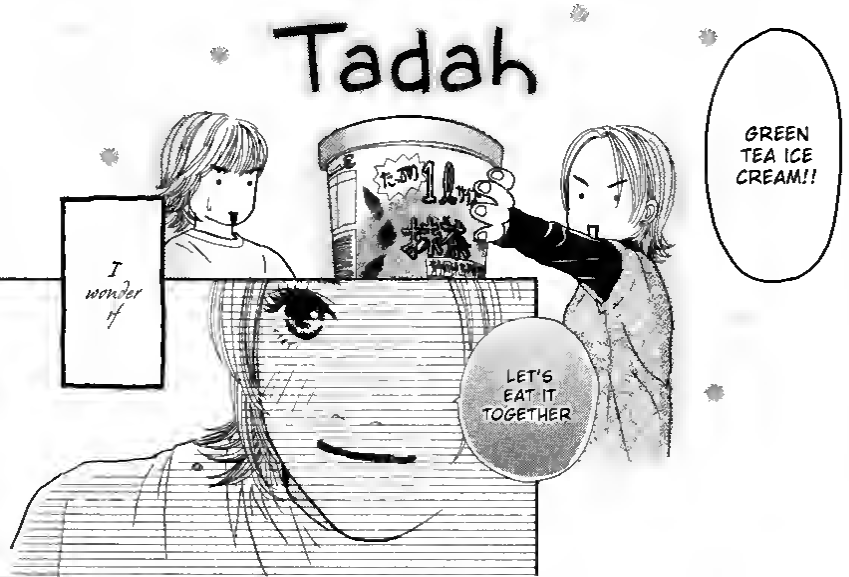
I DIDN'T
You startled me
DID YOU LOOK ?!
GASP
AH!
UWAH!
SLAM
WAH!
WHA—
WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS
REALLY?! SERIOUSLY ?!
SORRY
AH—
I MEAN
Hmph
I wonder why I can't read his story

WHEN I HAVE MORE FAITH IN MY WRITING YOU CAN READ ONE.
WAIT 'TIL THEN.
IT'S SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSING TO HAVE PEOPLE READ THEM.
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M WRITING.
I see...
It's the first time
I've understood Masaru's true feelings about his writing.

I wonder why I never knew until now.
OKAY.
DO YOUR BEST.
Hahaha
Ah, I'd love an apple
I'll peel it
Eh?!
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX THAT I DON'T JOB SEARCH.
IT'S JUST
YOU'LL BE MEETING A LOT OF GUYS WORKING FOR A COMPANY.
AH!
UMM I...
I knew it
SORRY I TAKE IT BACK.
ABOUT
LIVING TOGETHER.

US LIVING TOGETHER WAS MY WAY OF HOLDING ONTO YOU
I KNOW IT'S UNCOOL SO
Hahaha
I'LL STOP


YEAH.
AH.
IS THE APPLE GOOD?
OH, YEAH, HERE ARE YOUR SHIRTS AND UNDERWEAR
I BOUGHT YOU A MAGAZINE TOO
AND
OH, THANK YOU!


Tadah
GREEN TEA ICE CREAM!!
I wonder if
LET'S EAT IT TOGETHER

The day we'll live together will ever come.

I don't know.

I'm fine with going back to normal for now.

We both ate the ice cream

and I felt happy.

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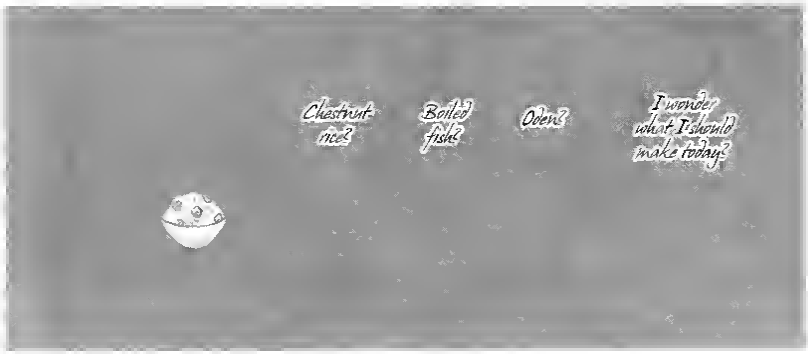

It needs a good balance of nutrition.

Something Masaru likes.

Something I can make in a small apartment kitchen.

It's hard work thinking up a menu everyday!

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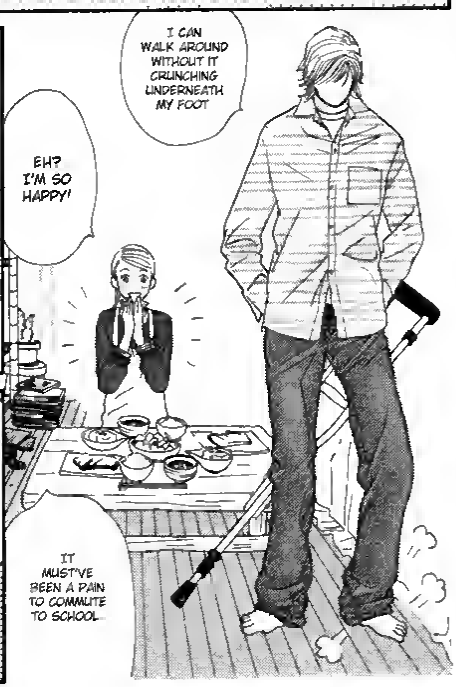
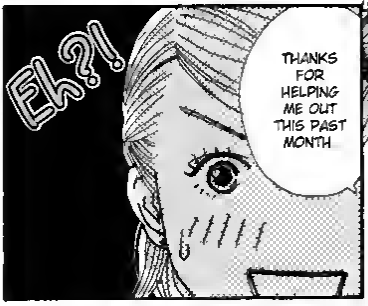
YEP, IT FEELS GOOD.

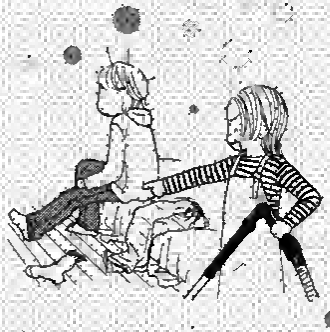
NOW I CAN LIVE ALONE AGAIN
YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR DORM.


I CAN WALK AROUND WITHOUT IT CRUNCHING UNDERNEATH MY FOOT
EH? I'M SO HAPPY!
IT MUST'VE BEEN A PAIN TO COMMUTE TO SCHOOL


Eh?!
THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT THIS PAST MONTH

IT'S OKAY I CAN DO ALL THAT STUFF MYSELF.
HAHAHA
I CAN MAKE YOU BURDOCK
YOU HAVE A TON OF FOOD IN YOUR FRIDGE TOO.
I CAN DO IT NOW.
EH...? BUT
YOUR LAUNDRY AND SHOPPING

Actually,



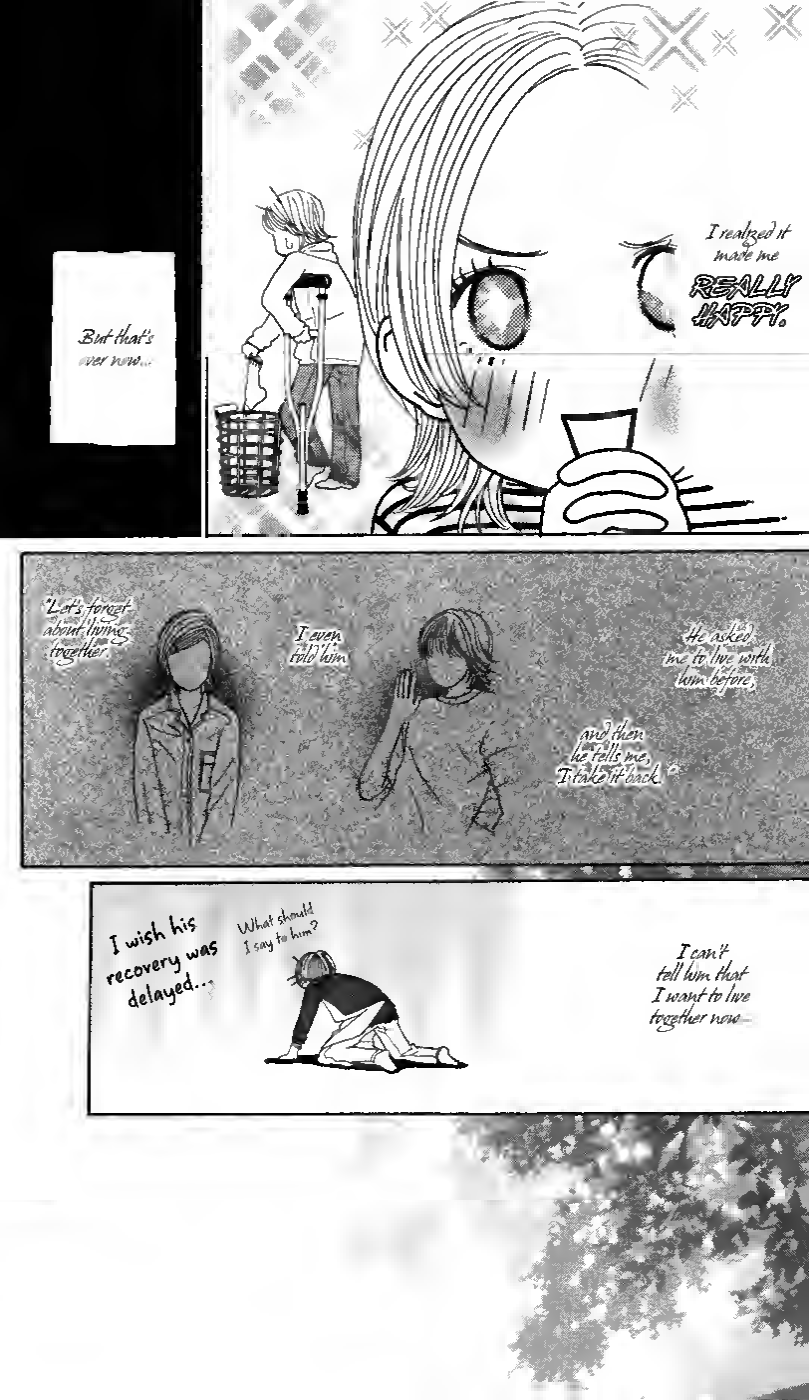
when Masaru was discharged from the hospital,

I used his disabled state as an excuse to stay and take care of him.

Every day I read books on cooking,

aired out the futon on nice days,

And said stuff like, "Hey! Put your dirty clothes in the hamper."


But that's over now...
I realized it made me REALLY HAPPY.
"Let's forget about living together."
I even told him
He asked me to live with him before,
and then he tells me, I take it back.
I wish his recovery was delayed...
What should I say to him?
I can't tell him that I want to live together now...

I have things to do, too.
I'll do my best then!
Before he broke his leg, the once a week thing was going well. I'll just go back to that.
Well...
Masaru hasn't been able to concentrate on writing since I've been around the whole time.
I need alone time, too.
Teacher
ABE-SAN
ABE-SAN
PHEW
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A COMPANY?
YES?

3

The next morning we had a bowl of seafood for breakfast at the Hakodate morning market

There are 360 crowded shops

Salmon roe and sea urchin in the morning

No patience

A jar of salmon roe as a souvenir

After that we were overflowing with emotion walking through Motomachi

Even though it was June it was chilly I gave up on warming up my daughter

Child

She still wanted to eat her red bean ice cream

We moved on to the Kanamori red brick storehouses (We went into a lot of indoor gift shops.)

She warmed up by running around

Hey!

It's really beautiful at night around Christmas

I bought this without thinking...

Ah!

IS THAT SO? BUMMER.

I THOUGHT OF YOU, ABE-SAN.

YES, SORT OF

WELL, THE TRUTH IS...

WHAT?

MY HAIR SALON IS HIRING STAFF MEMBERS

YOU CAN STUDY WHILE WORKING

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR BEAUTY LICENSE YET, ABE-SAN? IF YOU WANT TO BE A BEAUTICIAN IT'S BETTER TO HAVE YOUR LICENSE

THINK ABOUT IT.
Dong
I THOUGHT ...
I WANTED A BEAUTY LICENSE ...
FWAP
I HAD TENTATIVELY DECIDED ON MY DREAM COMPANY...
IT'S FROM THE COMPANY I APPLIED TO
EHH?! TRAINING IN THREE MONTHS?!
SO SOON!!
There are lots of documents I have to prepare
I feel like an employee already
FOUR MONTHS AFTER GETTING HIRED I CAN MOVE INTO THE APARTMENT BUILDING ...
IT'S NEW AND CHEAP
Wow!

WHAT IS THIS?! IT'S SUPER FAR AWAY!!
BUT
It's an hour away from Masaru's apartment!!
Maybe Masaru would move...
What should I do?
I wonder if there's time to just
RING RING
Hello?
MASARU...
PHEW
jump right into it.
LMM, I NEED TO...
DID YOU EAT YET? IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
Hahaha
Don't worry I'm fine by myself
HOW'S YOUR LEG? ARE YOU DOING ALRIGHT?
Yeah, I'm fine
Waaah!
Crash
bang
Wha

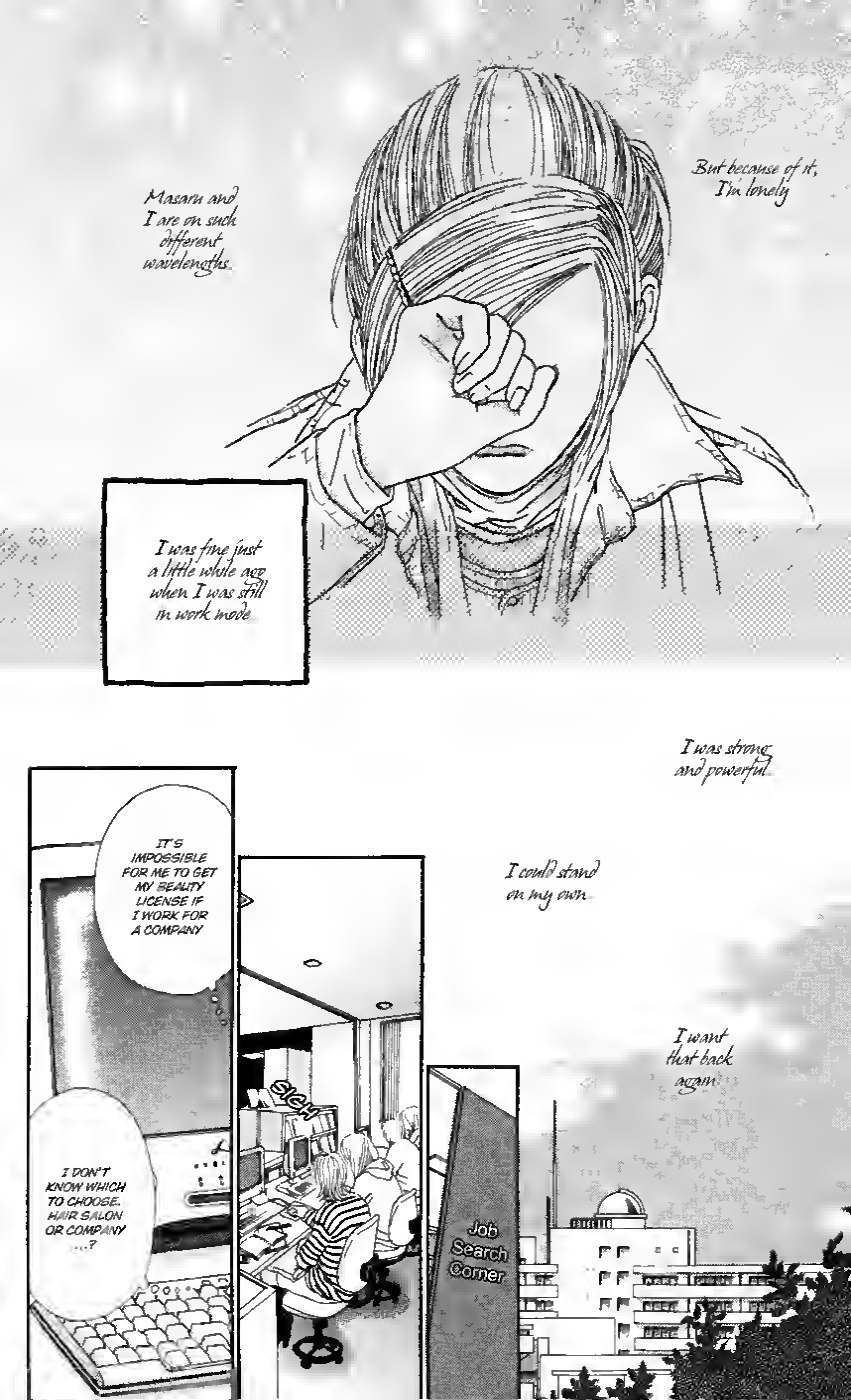
Hahaha
I LOST MUSCLE IN MY LEG
I COULDN'T STAND UP TO PUT MY SHOES ON
OKAY?!
ARE YOU
SLAM
It's the first time I noticed it
He knocked over a bunch of stuff in his fall.
YEAH ...
GROWL
Graaaa

REALLY?
I mean... erm It's just making stuff from a book
I GUESS I WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT LIKE THIS AS OFTEN WHAT A BUMMER!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD COOK SO WELL
SERIOUSLY
(Had to run as it was.)
If I move into a company apartment I can't come here as often.
EH?
YEAH.
I'M THINKING OF GOING OVERSEAS
MAYBE CHINA... I HAVE A FRIEND THERE. AFTER THAT I MIGHT MOVE AROUND.

HMH ...
I'M USED TO IT BY NOW, SO I CAN'T EVEN GET ANGRY...
.....
I CAN'T FINISH BOTH MY GRADUATION THESIS AND MY SHORT STORY.
TWO WEEKS.
My leg is better
WHEN YOUR LEG IS BETTER?
WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON LEAVING?
Once again,
he wasn't even going to talk to me about it.
I PLAN ON COMING BACK FOR THE GRADUATION CEREMONY
WELL?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING ...?
EH?
I don't even get a month with him?

OH.
YEAH.
IT'S OKAY ...
HMPH.
SORRY I CAN'T SEE YOU HOME.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITH THAT LEG.
SO I CAN'T SEE YOU FOR A WHILE.
I NEED TO... DO MY VERY BEST ON MY NOVEL AND MY THESIS.

I'm helping Masaru write his story this way,
even if it means letting him travel alone...
I understand Masaru has things he needs to do
OKAY.
GOOD LUCK ...
I know I enjoyed living with Masaru while his leg was broken.
My love mode switch has been flipped on.


Masaru and I are on such different wavelengths.
But because of it, I'm lonely
I was fine just a little while ago when I was still in work mode
I was strong and powerful
I could stand on my own
I want that back again
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO GET MY BEAUTY LICENSE IF I WORK FOR A COMPANY
I DON'T KNOW WHICH TO CHOOSE. HAIR SALON OR COMPANY ...?
SIGH
Job Search Corner

If I join a company and move into an apartment, I won't be able to see Masaru.
On the other hand, the hair salon is tempting since it's close to Masaru.
SHOULD I JUST CHOOSE WORK INSTEAD OF HIM?
WHAT DO I WANT TO DO NOW?
I THOUGHT I WANTED A JOB IN MAKE-UP.
DO I WANT TO BE A MAKE-UP ARTIST OR DO I WANT TO WORK FOR A MAKE-UP COMPANY...?
Huh?
YOU'RE HESITATING NOW?!
I DON'T GET YOU... HOW CAN YOU SAY IT'S NOT A PROBLEM?
MAKOTO, I THOUGHT YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO...
Seems like you're in a pickle.
Looks that way
Hahaha
What should I do...?

This isn't like me at all.
I can't see myself.
BUT MASARU IS WORKING HARD ON HIS WRITING
I can't think straight.
I CAN'T CALL HIM
SHOULD I TRY TALKING TO MASARU ?
The document's deadline for this company is drawing near.
What do I want to do the most?
Abe-san, have you thought about what I mentioned the other day?
I'm sorry. Please give me more time.
If you don't make up your mind soon they'll pick someone else.

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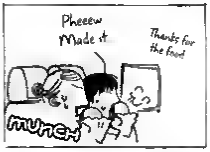
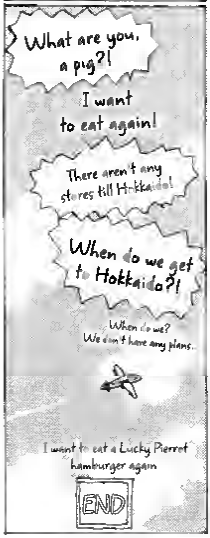
It's time for our flight! We need to get to the airport!!
We don't have time to eat!
Now of all times?!
We'll get hamburgers to eat on the plane!!


Pheeew
Made it
Thanks for the food
munch

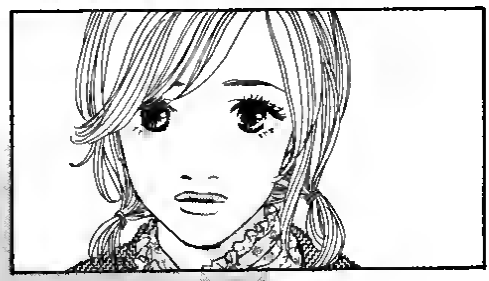
DROOL


What are you, a pig?!
I want to eat again!
There aren't any stores till Hokkaido!
When do we get to Hokkaido?!
When do we? We don't have any plans.
I want to eat a Lucky Pierrot hamburger again
END

How embarrassing
Hahaha
OH, YEAH DO YOU KNOW OF ANY GOOD PLACES TO EAT LUNCH AROUND HERE?

WERE GOOD AT KARAOKE
THERE'S A TENTATIVE REUNION PARTY COMING UP, I REMEMBER YOU
HELLO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE
Do you go to school in the area?

IF YOU'D LIKE I CAN TREAT YOU

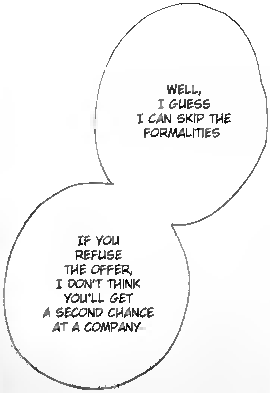


UMM
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?
.....
YOU WERE ALWAYS SO CHEERFUL
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL
.....

I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR PROSPECTS
PLEASE TELL ME

Is that so?

WHETHER OR NOT YOU DROP THE COMPANY OF CHOICE, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST MAKE UP YOUR MIND AFTER THE TRAINING
SINCE YOU'RE STILL UNDECIDED, I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST GO WITH THE FLOW.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE THEN TO TAKE ACTION WHEN YOU'RE NO LONGER CONFUSED.


WELL, I GUESS I CAN SKIP THE FORMALITIES
IF YOU REFUSE THE OFFER, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET A SECOND CHANCE AT A COMPANY

Something still troubles me.

Something

weighs on my shoulders.

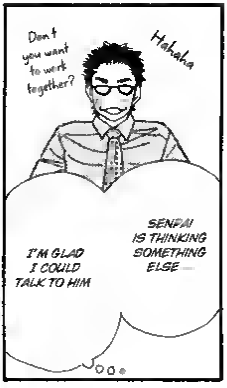
I thought I had to decide now. I didn't think I could change my course in life.

I see...

That's not exactly it, though.

I'm not pitiful.

My job prospects and my love life are just a mess.



When did I become such a weak person?
YOU STILL LOOK DEPRESSED.
THINGS NOT GOING WELL WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
IT'S NOT THAT!
There is a boyfriend.
Ah, I know it
It's not that things aren't going well.
And it's not like we're fighting.
We just can't balance our "love" for one another at the moment.
It's just a little sad.

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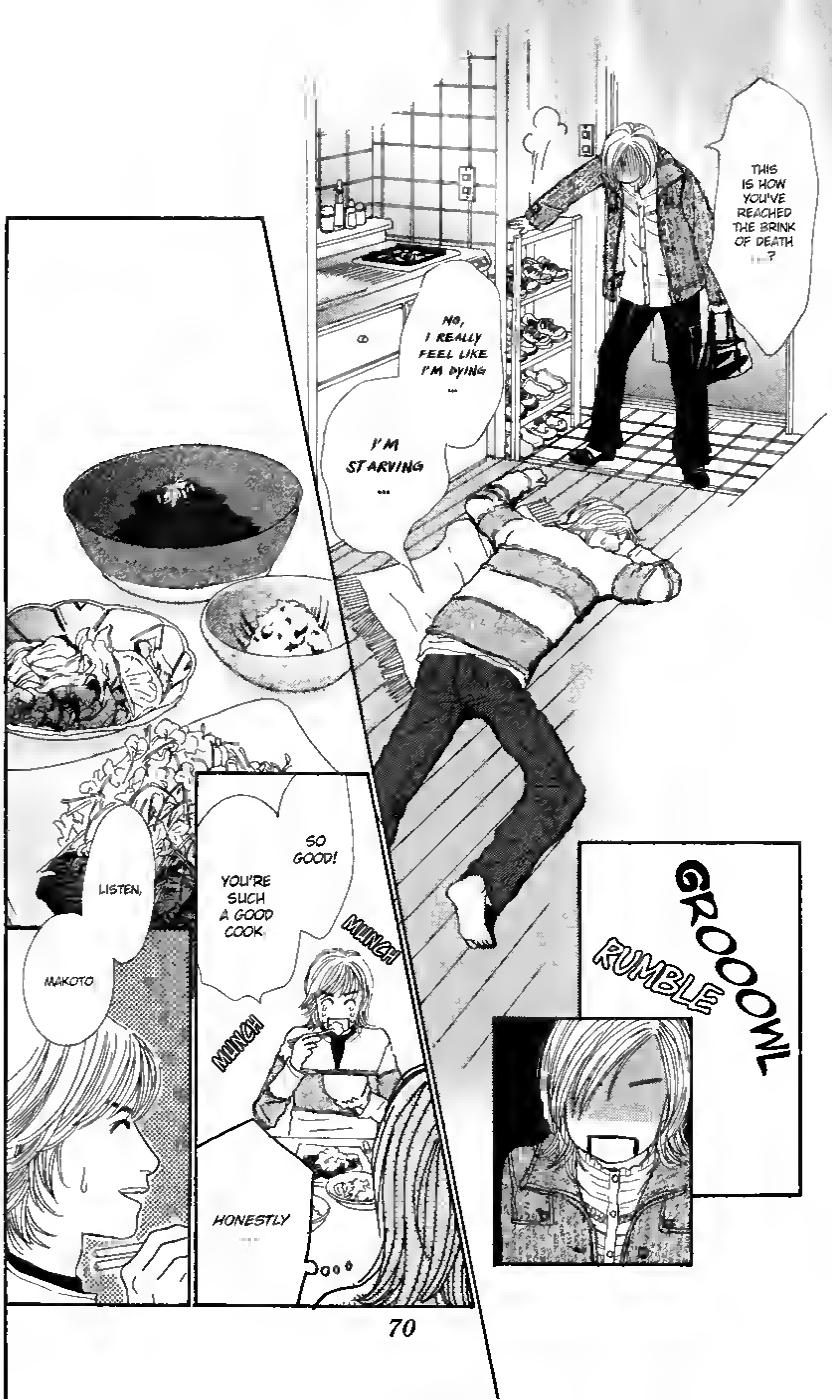
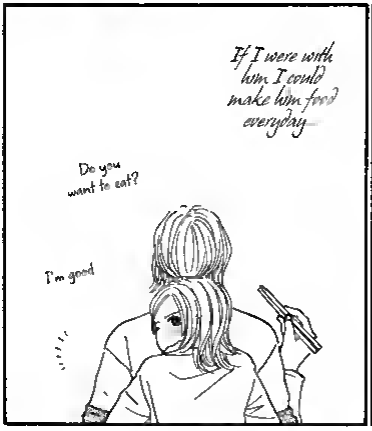
Sorry
That's too bad
Training Program
Apartment Lease Agreement
This is something I need to do now
I couldn't help thinking about it
BUZZ
BUZZ
MY DEPARTURE DAY IS COMING UP SOON...
I wonder if he's hard at work writing
I wonder if his leg is okay
I wonder if he's eating properly
SHOULD I JUST GO SEE HIM?
I probably shouldn't
ugh
ugh
I'm so lonely...
I haven't even gotten a single text saying "Goodnight."
2 FEBRUARY
SUN MON TUE WED
1 2 3 4
8 9
15
BUT
I CAN'T SEE HIM FOR TWO WEEKS...

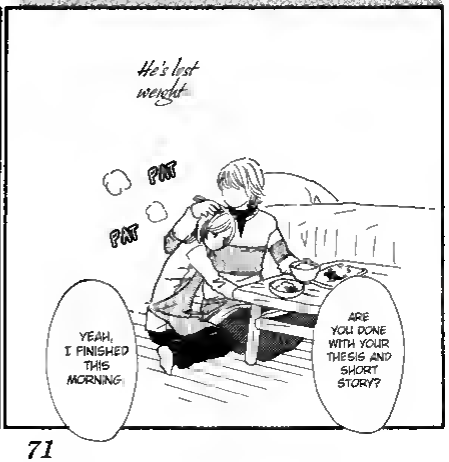
MAKOTO
I THINK I'M DYING
MA-
MASARU !!
SLAM
MASARU!!
WHAT NOW?! DID HURT HIMSELF IN HIS APARTMENT AGAIN?!

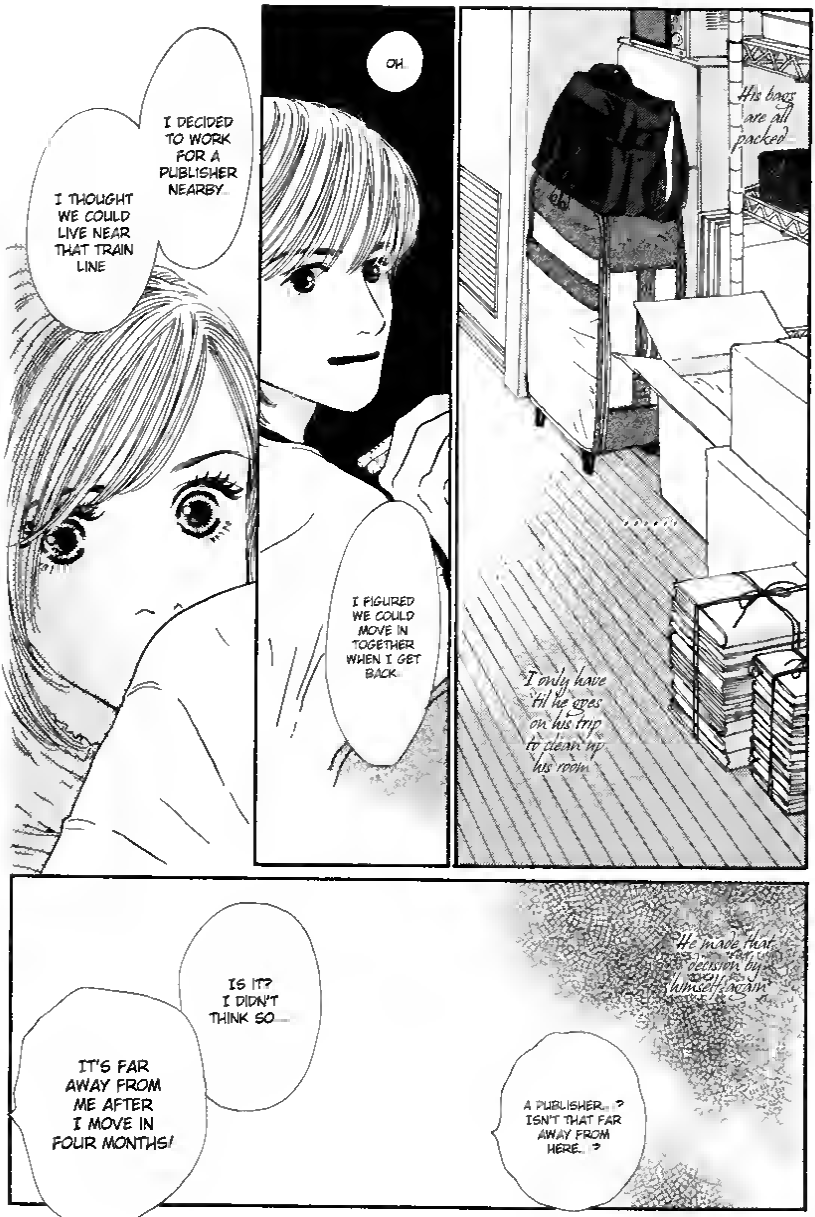

THIS IS HOW YOU'VE REACHED THE BRINK OF DEATH ...?
NO, I REALLY FEEL LIKE I'M DYING ...
I'M STARVING ...
GROOOWL
RUMBLE
SO GOOD!
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD COOK.
MUNCH!
MUNCH!
LISTEN, MAKOTO
HONESTLY ...

Hug

IT'S HARD TO EAT LIKE THIS


If I were with him, I could make him food everyday
Do you want to eat?
I'm good


He's lost weight
PAT
PAT
YEAH, I FINISHED THIS MORNING
ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR THESIS AND SHORT STORY?


OH...
I DECIDED TO WORK FOR A PUBLISHER NEARBY...
I THOUGHT WE COULD LIVE NEAR THAT TRAIN LINE
I FIGURED WE COULD MOVE IN TOGETHER WHEN I GET BACK...
His bags are all packed.
I only have 'til he gets on his trip to clean up his room.
A PUBLISHER...? ISN'T THAT FAR AWAY FROM HERE...?
He made that decision by himself again.
IS IT? I DIDN'T THINK SO...
IT'S FAR AWAY FROM ME AFTER I MOVE IN FOUR MONTHS!

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Ohh
A COMPANY LEASE AGREEMENT, A CHEAP, AUTOMATIC LOCKS, WOMEN-ONLY BUILDING
IT'S A GOOD CONTRACT
How many bus transfers is that?
IT REALLY... IS FAR AWAY
Apartment Lease Agreement
EH?
BUT..
WE'LL JUST MEET HALFWAY
WELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, DISTANCE DOESN'T MATTER
WHY DID YOU AGREE TO IT?

Masaru is completely unconcerned.

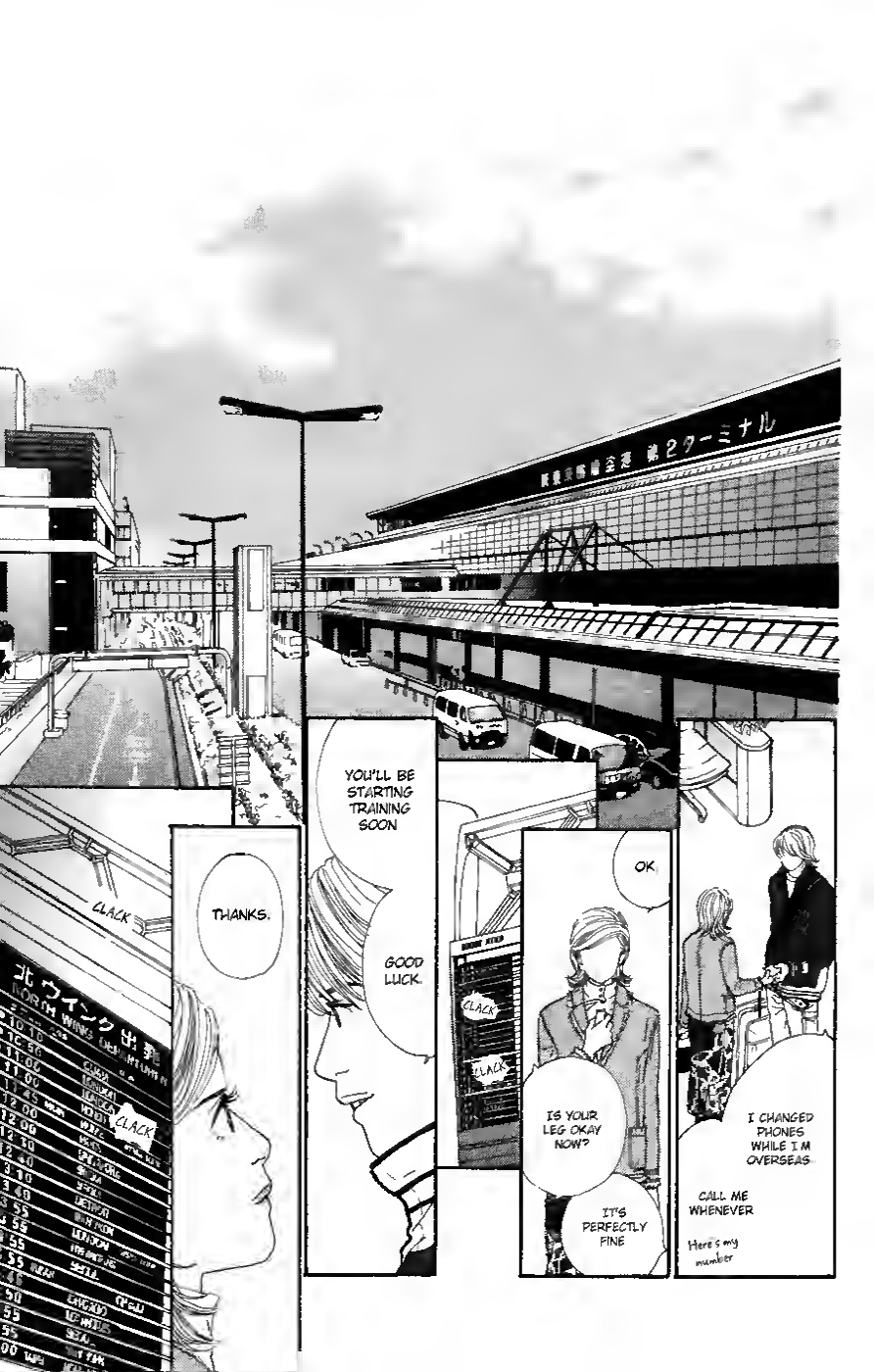
Does he really understand?

I love him so much.

Hey, I'm still eating

He's going on a trip by himself

He isn't even upset about living apart.


I CHANGED PHONES WHILE I M OVERSEAS
CALL ME WHENEVER
Here's my number
OK.
IS YOUR LEG OKAY NOW?
IT'S PERFECTLY FINE
CLACK
CLACK
YOU'LL BE STARTING TRAINING SOON
GOOD LUCK.
THANKS.
CLACK

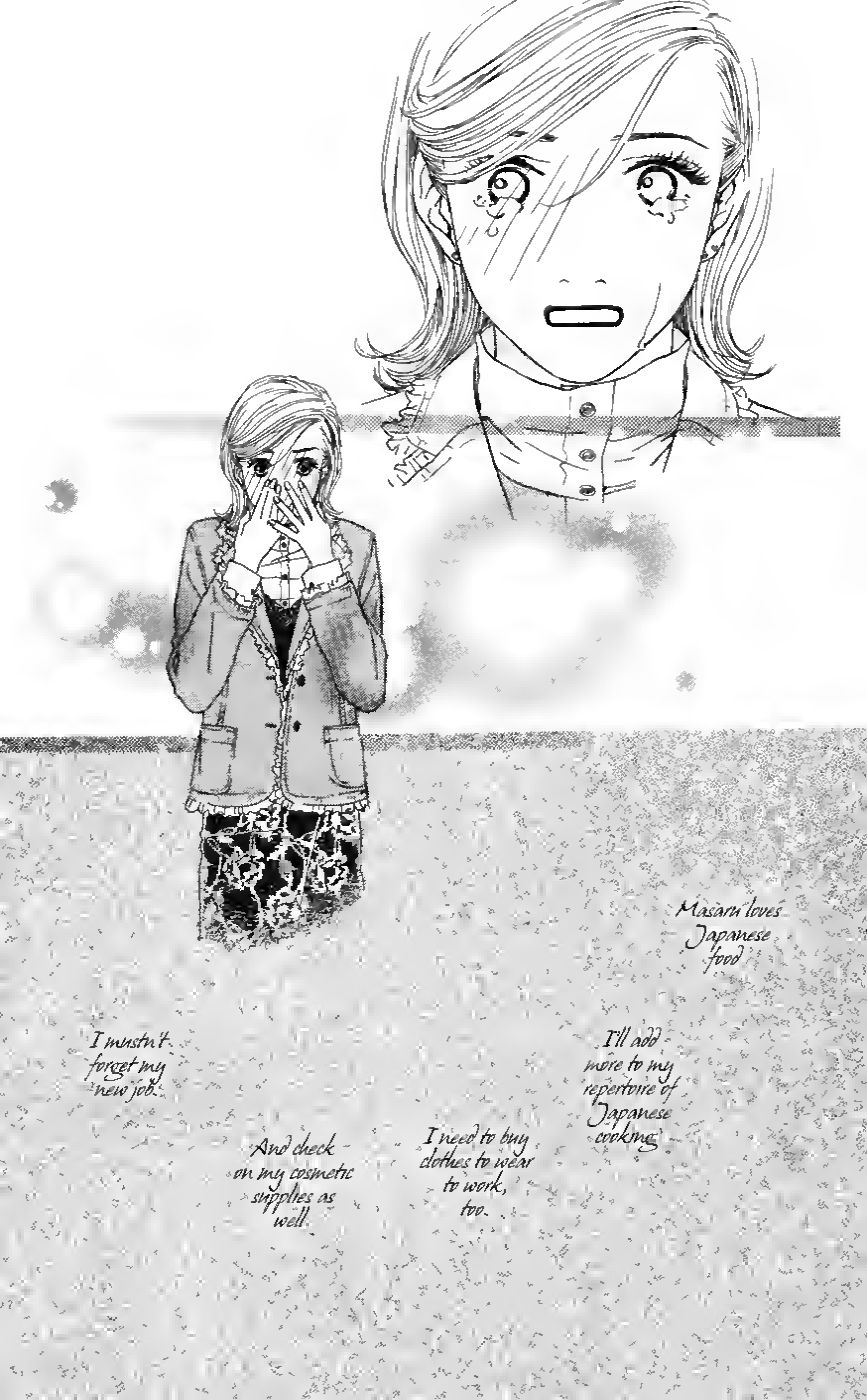
I'll be leaving soon.
To see him at all from this point on
I won't be able
I'M FINE. I'LL BE SO BUSY I WON'T HAVE TIME TO BE LONELY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. JUST GO.
I'M GOING TO MISS JAPANESE FOOD IN MY TRAVELS
I'LL BE THINKING OF YOUR COOKING.
I THINK YOU'LL
WANT THIS SELECTION.
It isn't home-made

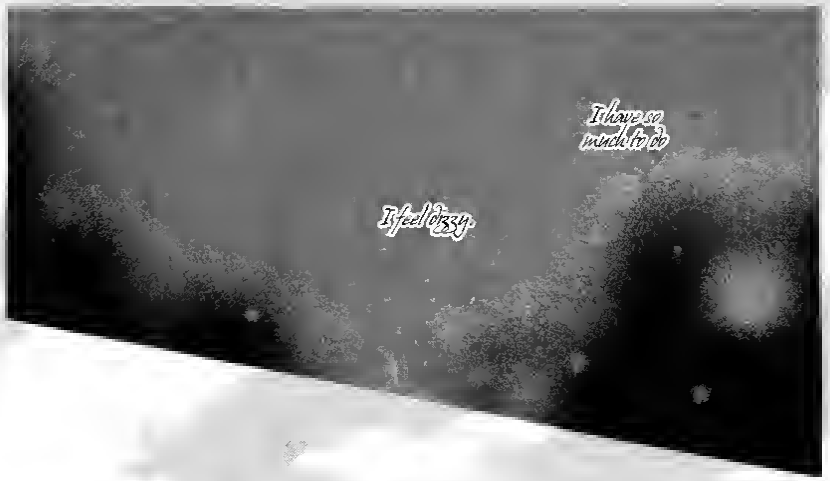
Masaru
I only do that once in a while
Argh
Of burned meat
Masaru.
Do you think you'll be lonely too?
I'm off Makoto
WE WON'T BE SEEING EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE.
WE'LL HAVE TO LIVE APART AFTER THAT.
WE'LL REALLY BE LONG-DISTANCE LOVERS THEN.

CLACK
CLACK
BUT I'M
NOT OKAY WITH IT, MASARU.
I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU GO.
YEAH.
I WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER, TOO.

YOU'RE ...
REALLY ON EDGE
I'M SORRY
BUT
I...
.....
.....
ME TOO

I NEVER COULD TALK ABOUT IT, SO I PUSHED YOU AWAY.
WE'LL LOOK FOR A BIG APARTMENT FOR THE TWO OF US.
WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING WHEN I GET BACK
CANCEL THE CONTRACT
FOR THE COMPANY APARTMENT.


Masaru loves Japanese food
I'll add more to my repertoire of Japanese cooking.
I need to buy clothes to wear to work, too.
And check on my cosmetic supplies as well.
I mustn't forget my new job.



Maybe I'm dizzy from happiness.

カラフルパレット

When I was in middle school and high school, I was a plain, serious girl.
I was always judging men and could never keep a boyfriend.
I was indifferent to how people dressed, but I couldn't help being envious.

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IF YOU'RE NOT USING THIS BOOK
WOULD YOU MIND IF I COPY A PAGE FROM IT?
gasp
HE'S HOT!!

Rejection
clatter
GO AHEAD!!
I'M LEAVING ANYWAYS!!

Now I know the job I want to do,
and I'm busy with my thesis.
EXCUSE ME.
And so...

at the moment I have a good guy.
And so,
DAASH
DAZE
sob
sob
sob
sob
sob

Makoto isn't talking
CHICKEN
HOLD IT, KEIKO! WAIT! I NEED TO TALK!
NOT
RICE SOUP DRINKS
TURN
grab
I'LL EAT OUTSIDE ...
I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL COLD FEET
.....
She's an empty shell while her boyfriend is overseas
You totally see him as perfect
cough
I can't pretend to be tough.
When I see these two
HE CAN'T EXPECT YOU TO DROP EVERYTHING TO BE A HOUSEWIFE
HE'S NEVER BEEN IN LOVE WITH ANYONE BEFORE ME
UP UNTIL NOW I THOUGHT WE WERE IN LOVE
HIC
HIC
HIC HIC
BUT HE'S SUDDENLY BECOME INSECURE ABOUT MARRYING ME...
Noriko was engaged to a nice, elite salary man
We already finished the engagement gifts And I don't hate the wedding invitations
But but
DAZED
I'm glad I don't have a guy.
I really am

Love s more like a disease
It's not so bad being alone
More like comfortable
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU
YOU FORGOT THIS YESTERDAY
I GOT CAUGHT UP IN A BOOK AND DIDN'T NOTICE IT, SO I BROUGHT IT BACK TO WORK WITH ME
I WAS GOING TO LEAVE IT WITH A LIBRARIAN IF I DIDN'T RUN INTO YOU TODAY
(Stole)
EH?!
AH!
GRAB
THANKS !!

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Tomiyama Trip Diary

We went to Tomiyama on August 3rd

SPARKLE

We had some delicious white shrimp tempura over rice at a Tomiyama subway building

SHINE

I bought some rice crackers as a souvenir but I ended up eating them

We rode to the Kuroya Gorge on a small rail train. The many arch bridges and tunnels we passed through were splendid. I really enjoyed the scenery but the weather unfortunately

And yet she

I pooped

In diapers

Ehhh?!

Midway between rides—

After I changed her diaper she fell asleep

Eh?!

Beware of bees!!

There were bees in the room

BUZZ

There are so many of them!

The train takes an hour to descend

The employees couldn't overlook the problem so they moved us to the business carriage

Heavy rain?

PHEW

So we didn't get to see

Mostly

Kuroya Gorge.

YOU KNOW ME?

I FAILED THE INTERVIEW

OH, I SEE.

OH.

THE KITAMURA DESIGN DEPARTMENT

Oh no.

This is a terrible attitude to have

Step

I just took it from him

But I can't just reject such a hot guy either

THAT'S A REALLY BIG COMPANY...

THE K-JIMA COMPANY

YOU'RE AN ARCHITECT MAJOR? HAVE YOU DECIDED WHERE YOU WANT TO WORK YET?

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GRAB
AH! WAIT!!
HERE!
THANK YOU FOR HANDING THIS TO ME.
GOOD -BYE!
IF YOU HAVE TIME I'D LOVE TO .
I'M GOING TO AN EXHIBITION TONIGHT
SOME OF OUR COMPANY'S PRODUCTS ARE ON DISPLAY
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED COME CHECK IT OUT

I can sense him.
Actually,
I can pointedly reject him this way.
I'M NOT GOOD WITH ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE. THEY MAKE ME SELF-CONSCIOUS.
I DON'T KNOW HIS TRUE INTENTIONS.
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIM ON A DAILY BASIS EITHER.
HE'S JUST TRYING TO GET CUSTOMERS.
WHY DID HE GIVE ME THIS ?
I kinda want to go to this exhibition.

murmur
murmur
THERE'S SOME AMAZING WORK HERE
AH ERM
WHEN YOU'RE DONE LOOKING AROUND, WAIT FOR ME OUTSIDE
AH, I'LL BE DONE IN THIRTY MINUTES
HEY!
YOU CAME.
Em...
Eh...?
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE? FRENCH? ITALIAN?
I'M STARVING.

KEIKO-CHAN?
YOU'RE AS TALL AS A MODEL. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SCOUTED?
Em...
NO, I HAVEN'T
I'M HIROSE KEIKO...
OH, YOU DIDN'T GET MY NAME, DID YOU?
I'M KUROI NOBUYASU...
WHY ARE YOU TAKING ME OUT TO EAT...?
SO THEN..
YOU MEAN WHY DID I INVITE YOU?

KEIKO-CHAN,
DID YOU SEE AN EXHIBIT THAT IMPRESSED YOU TODAY?
Ah...
WHAT KIND OF JOB ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, KEIKO-CHAN?
THE COMPANY TYPICALLY DOES SMALL SCALE JOBS
Like cafes
OH, THAT WAS MINE
THE HOTEL WITH THE INDOOR RIVER WAS INTERESTING...
HMM

I WOULD LIKE...
TO WORK FOR A FORESTRY OR ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMPANY. I'D LIKE TO STUDY THAT.
AH, YES. K-JIMA COMPANY IS A BIG ONE FOR THAT
BUT IF YOU COULD FREELANCE SOMEDAY...
I'D LIKE TO BUILD HOUSES...
UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS,
Why am I...
I'M POSITIVE I CAN MEET MY GOALS
telling him this...?
LIKE AN ARTISAN!
ha ha ha
YOU FIGURED IT OUT?
OF COURSE. I CAN SEE THE EXCITEMENT IN YOUR FACE.

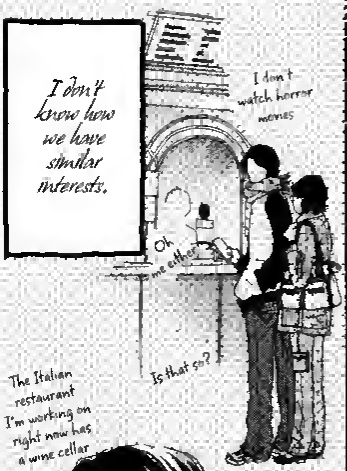
He seemed like a nice guy.

But there is no way I'm his type.

For some reason,

I keep seeing him.

I don't know how we have similar interests.



I enjoy talking with him when we're together instead of studying.

He's completely different from a college student.

I come here every week.
Oh, it's a nice place.
FUUH
A CIGAR...
I feel like an adult around him.
I COME HERE ONCE A WEEK AND ALLOW MYSELF ONE SMOKE
I WAS A HEAVY SMOKER TILL RECENTLY, BUT I NEVER SMOKED CIGARETTES
Oh
WANT TO TRY?
NO
DO YOU SMOKE?

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I want to be equal to him.

I want to know more about him.

HEY.
BOW!
ARE YOU OKAY?
Doesn't handle liquor well!
I'M FINE. I DIDN'T DRINK MUCH ...
YOU'RE CUTE.

I'M SO FRUSTRATED THAT HE FIGURED IT OUT.
I'D HATE TO THINK HE SEES ME AS CHILDISH CUTE.
I DON'T HANDLE LIQUOR WELL EITHER.
THIS ISN'T A SITUATION TO FEEL HAPPY ABOUT. I LOOKED SO STUPID!
glug
glug
Damn it. My feet hurt. I've never worn stiletto heels.
WHAT WAS WITH THE, "YOU'RE CUTE" COMMENT?
I WASN'T PRETENDING TO BE COMFORTABLE IN A BAR AND DRESSED LIKE AN ADULT FOR HIM TO TELL ME THAT.
SPLASH
Am I an idiot...?

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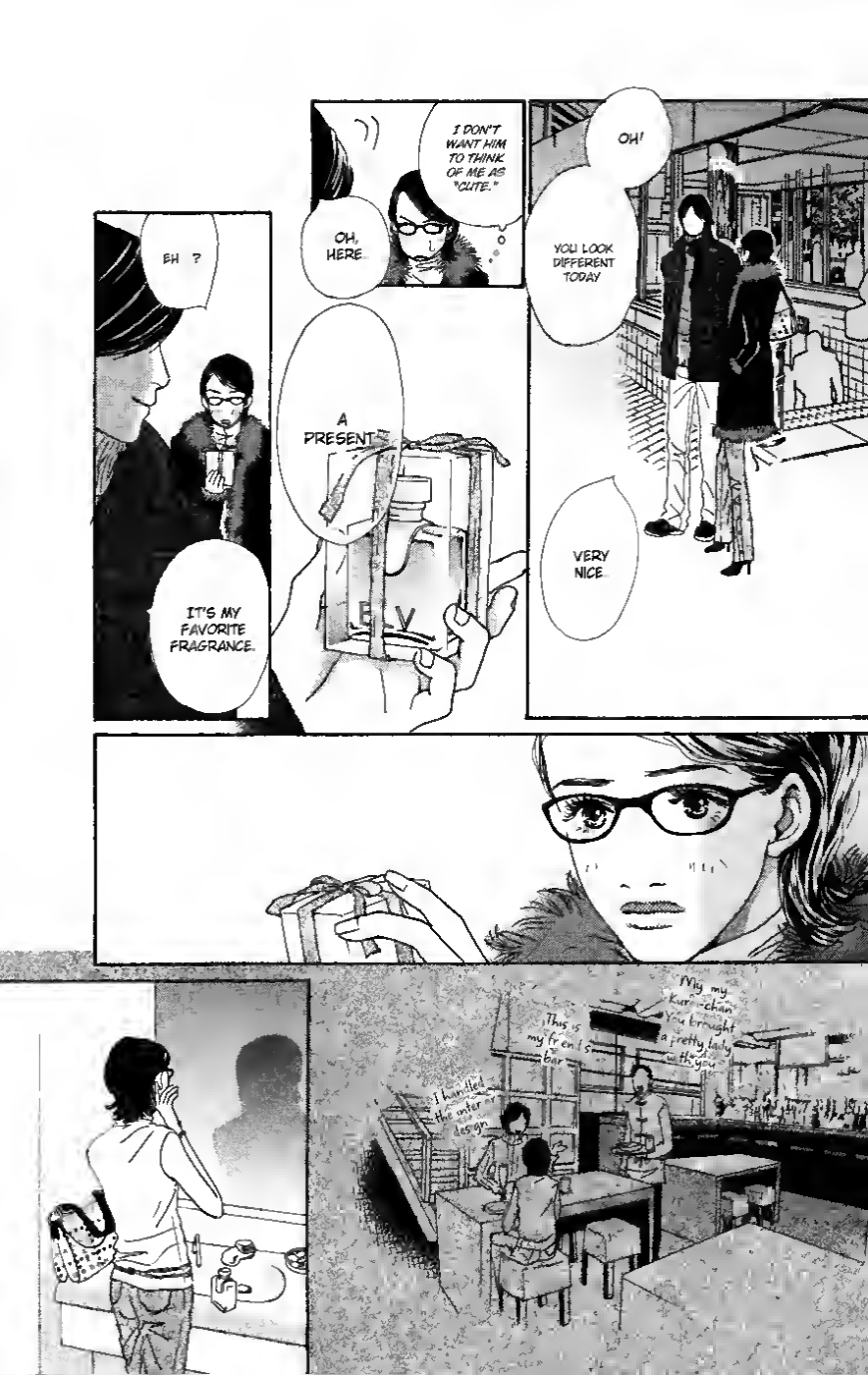
sparkle

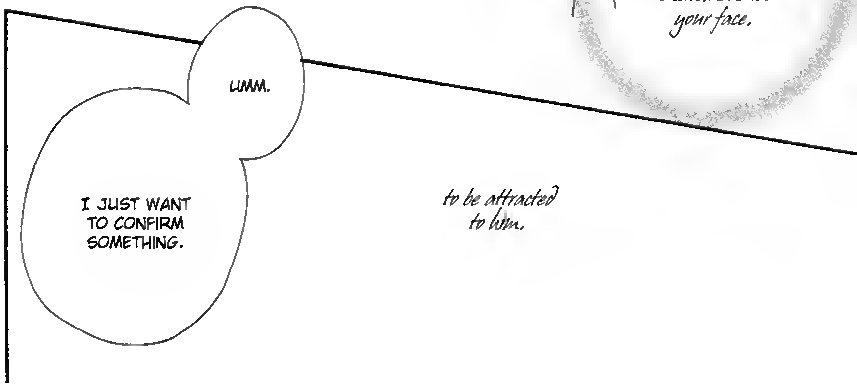
Bathhouse + rental video + convenience store

Latest way to relieve stress (quit doing ceramics.)

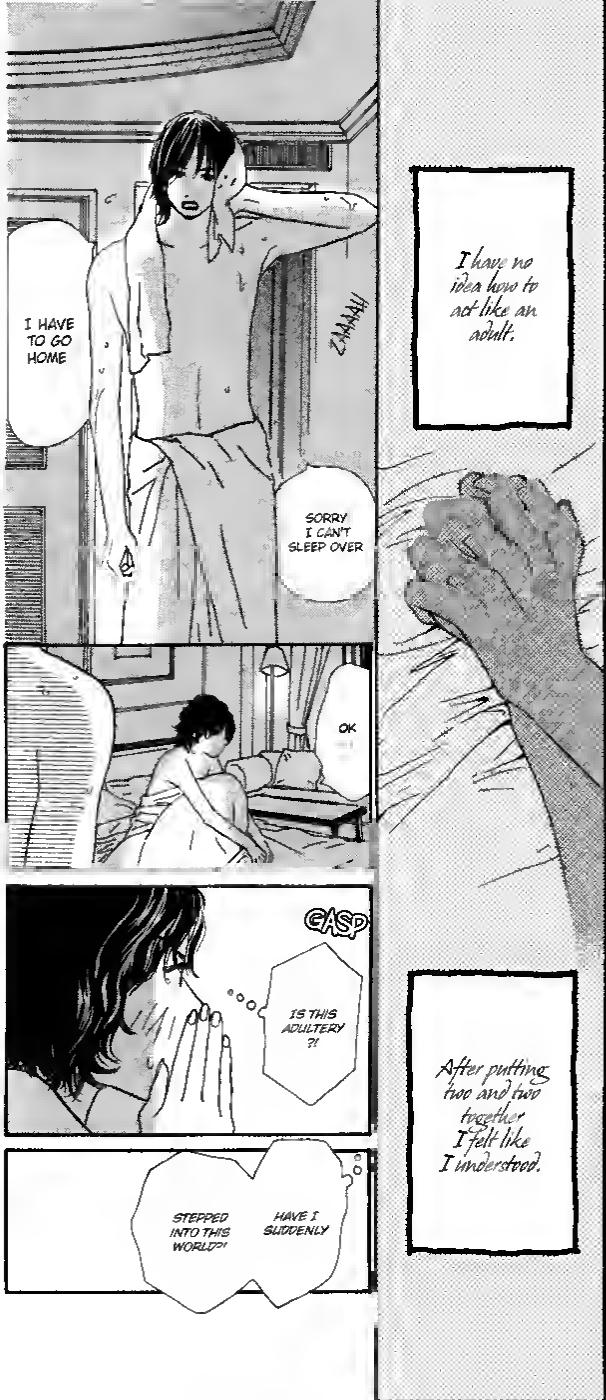

I DON'T WANT HIM TO THINK OF ME AS "CUTE."
OH, HERE
EH ?
IT'S MY FAVORITE FRAGRANCE.
A PRESENT
OH!
YOU LOOK DIFFERENT TODAY
VERY NICE
I stumbled into the outer design
This is my friend's bar
Why my kun-chan! You brought a pretty lady with you

The flow would be like this from the start.
CAN WE BE TOGETHER FOR A BIT TODAY?
I thought
YOU SMELL NICE.
IT SUITS YOU.

After those words,
perhaps I wanted
Of course. I can see the excitement in your face.


UMM.
I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM SOMETHING.
to be attracted to him.

EH?
NO, I'M MARRIED.
DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?
THE RING ON YOUR
FINGER WASN'T THERE BEFORE...
Who am I to judge...
He couldn't bother to hide it.
NO...


I HAVE TO GO HOME
ZAAAAH!
SORRY I CAN'T SLEEP OVER
OK
GASP
IS THIS ADULTERY ?!
HAVE I SUDDENLY STEPPED INTO THIS WORLD?!
I have no idea how to act like an adult.
At that time I thought I'd made an adult decision.
After putting two and two together I felt like I understood.

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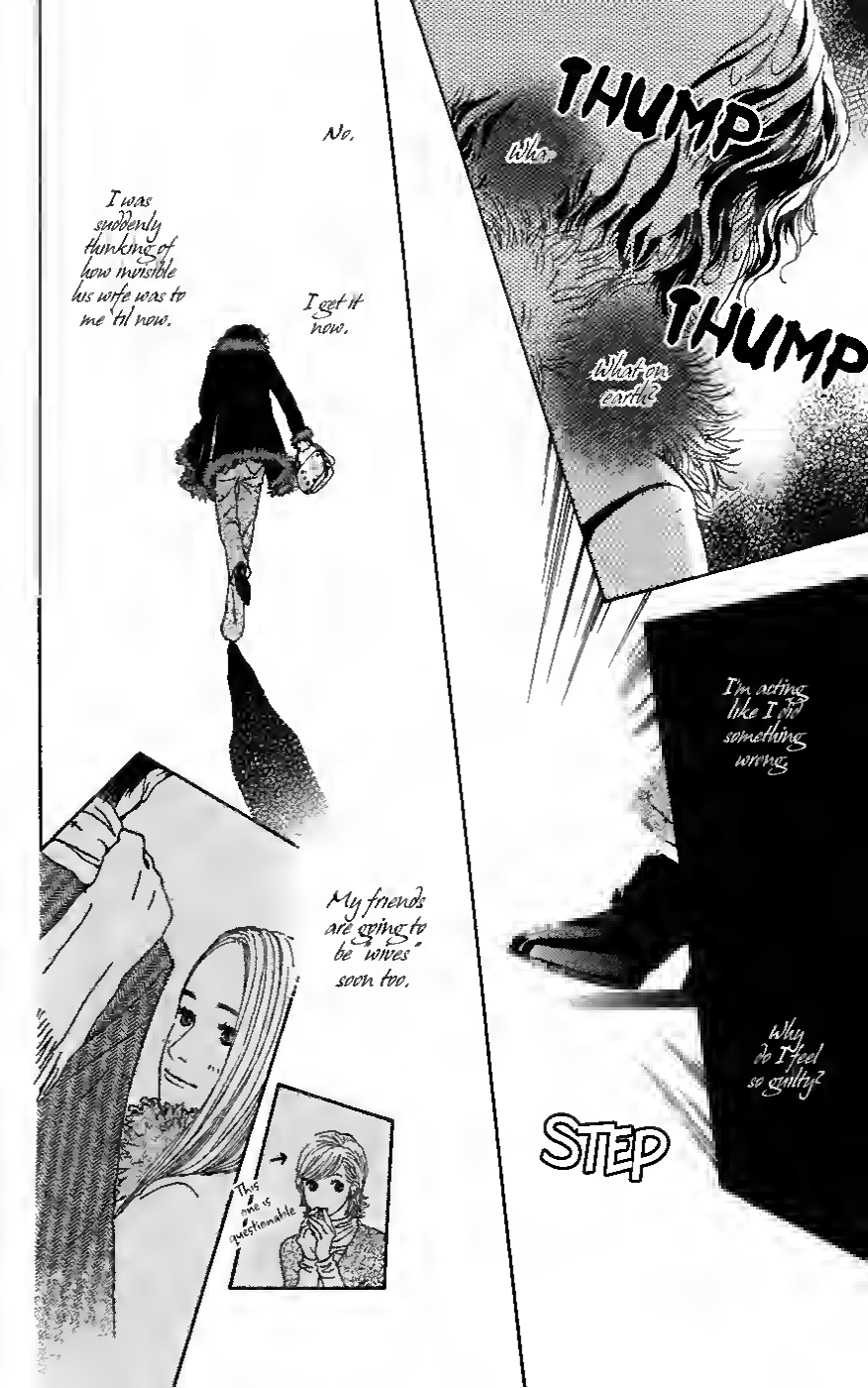
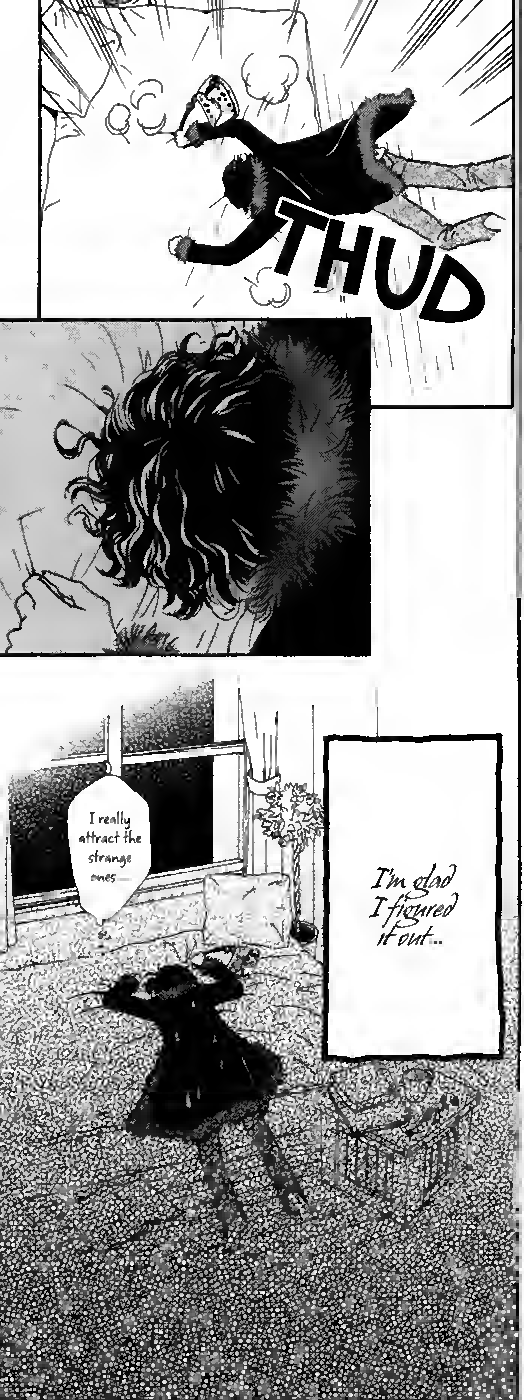
It's okay.
He probably doesn't really like me anyways.
He's above me
SIGH
Can I find a clear solution for us to be together?
I enjoy being together. There's so much I don't know.

I get myself involved up into something I shouldn't have
Don't think.
I hate thinking too much.
Oh yeah
IS THIS WHAT IT MEANS FOR ADULTS TO DATE?
NO-
NORIKO ?!
Why?!
AND HER FIANCE
IS THAT POSSIBLE?
GASP
THUMP
THUMP
EEK.
THUMP


THUMP
Who
THUMP
What on earth?
I'm acting like I did something wrong.
Why do I feel so guilty?
STEP
No.
I was suddenly thinking of how invisible his wife was to me 'til now.
I get it now.
My friends are going to be "wives" soon too.
This one is questionable.



This is dangerous.

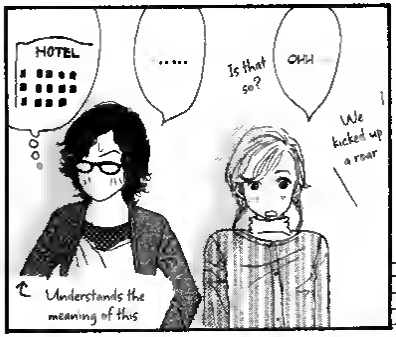
I can't face my friends

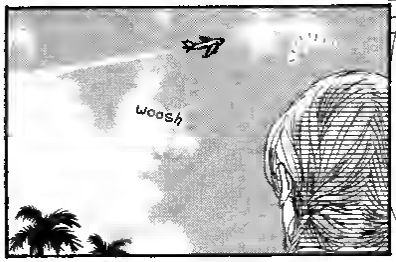
with this kind of romance.

RUSTLE
I'M SORRY.
Really
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A EUROPEAN TRIP.
Here are your treats
I TOLD YOU! IT'S FINE YOU CAN'T HELP HAVING TRAINING THE SAME TIME AS OUR SCHEDULED TRIP
I'M SO GLAD YOU GUYS AREN'T GOING WITHOUT ME.
Showing her mood
THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT ISN'T A GRADUATION TRIP.
OKINAWA IN FEBRUARY IS GOOD.
Fewer people
THANK YOU.

Surely they are too
DOZED
slurp
Actually, I'm glad we're doing this instead of romping around Europe. I wanted to just kick back and relax.

EH?
NORIKO, HOW ARE THINGS WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?


HOTEL
.....
Is that so?
OHH
We kicked up a roar
Understands the meaning of this


woosh

OH
RIGHT
hehe
IT'S FINE
I MEAN... I THINK HE'LL CONTINUE TO LOVE ME FROM HERE ON OUT.

IT'S TURNED INTO A BAD TRIP.
AH, SORRY.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL. I DON'T MIND.
Tells us the reason for the suppressed laughter!
HEHEHE
HEH
woosh
.....
The two of them understand her feelings.
Eh?!
You and Shibukatsu are moving in together?!
What?!
You were always confused
I thought
Everyone has a lot on their minds.
Even me
I'm glad they haven't asked me yet...
Since then,

I've received two texts from him.

I've called him twice and he refused to see me

for some reason or another.

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD SEE EACH OTHER.

I'M SORRY.

After he said that,

he hung up.

I didn't contact him again.

Well, that's that.

I'm good with men for now.
Perfume stinks...
When I dated a younger guy I was too stiff.
I'm sick and tired of the same thing when dating younger guys.
Well,
Honestly,
I'm an idiot when it comes to love.
I have my things
Me too
I have training when we get back
Three days goes by fast

VIDEO
CD
D
I'll relax more
Until the day my guy comes along...
I see...
Someday
OH! YOU CAME!

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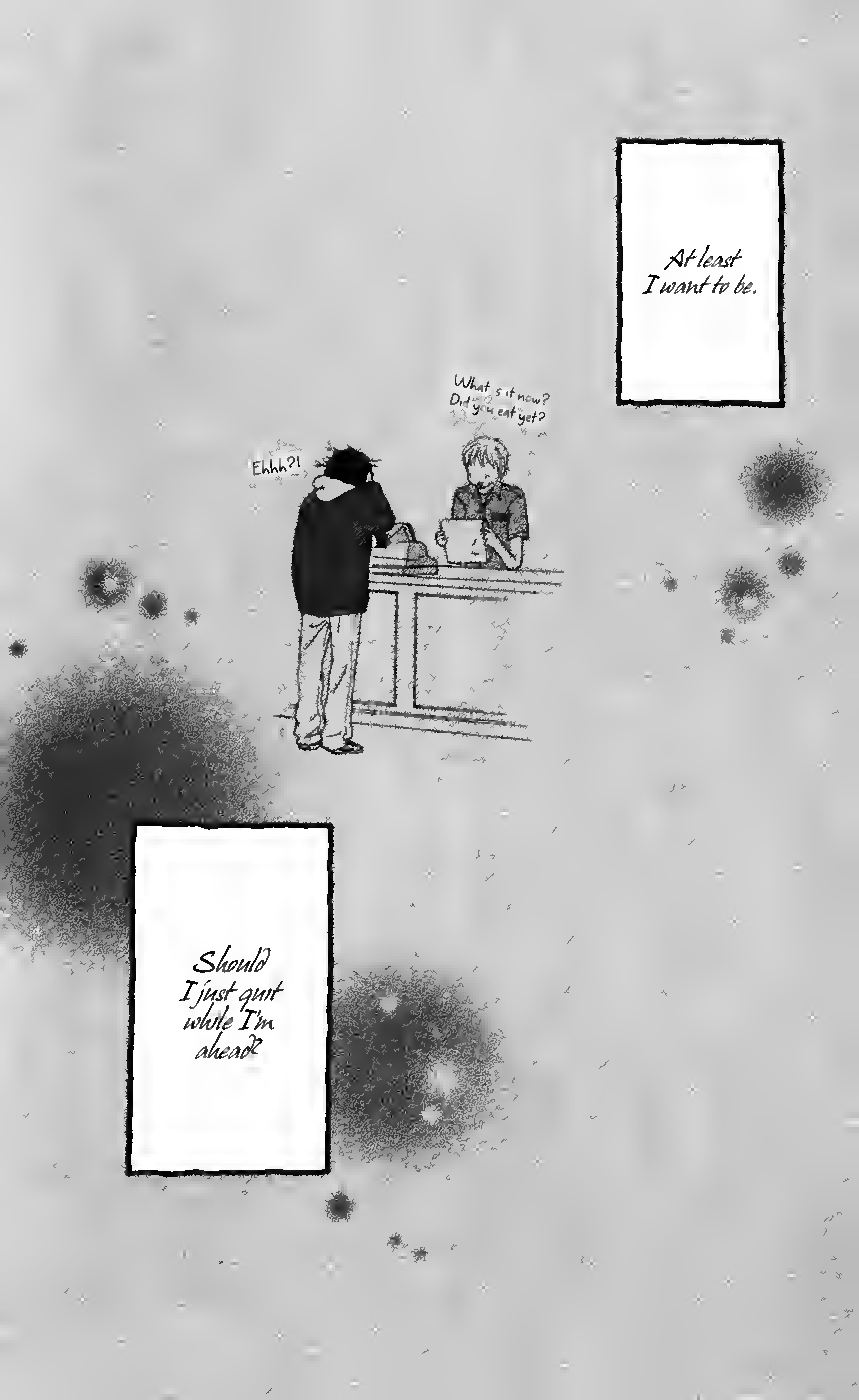
Am at my most relaxed and exposed...
Returned from the bathhouse
No make-up
Sweat pants
Bag from convenience store
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE.
I NOTICE THE THINGS CUSTOMERS CHECK OUT
WE HAVE SIMILAR TASTE.
IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE FATE...
BLUSH
I certainly
I'm good with men.


At least I want to be.
What's it now? Did you eat yet?
Ehhh?!
Should I just quit while I'm ahead?

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HEY.
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE LATER.
SURE. WHERE?
Karaoke Karao
YEAH!
WE HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE FOR KARAOKE
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SHIGEKO?
YOU CAN'T GO OUT AFTER SCHOOL.
YOU HAVE TO GO HOME, DON'T YOU?

My name is Fujita Shigeko (16).
I'm your typical high school student.
I'M HOME.
*MIZUYA... AN AREA INSIDE THE TEA ROOM WHERE THE TEA WATER IS PREPARED
I teach tea ceremony with my grandmother at our house.
The three of us, including my dad, live together.
OKAY.
I'M COMING NOW.
茶道
表千家
SHIGEKO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE LATE!
THE STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED!
HURRY UP AND SET UP THE *MIZUYA!!
This is my grandmother.
*HIGH SCHOOL OF TEA CEREMONY

AFTERNOON, SHIGEKO-SAN
WE'RE IN YOUR CARE NOW
I do this every day.
AH, WELCOME
My grandmother teaches them about tea while I help her in the classroom.
* PREPARING THE MIZUYA
DO AS I DO.
Yum!
MUNCH
VERY GOOD.

*MIZUSASHI... IN PLACE OF A KETTLE IN THE TEAROOM, ITS USED TO RINSE THE TEACUPS AND STORE THE BOWLS. ("TEA CEREMONY COLLECTIONS" SHOGAKUKAN)

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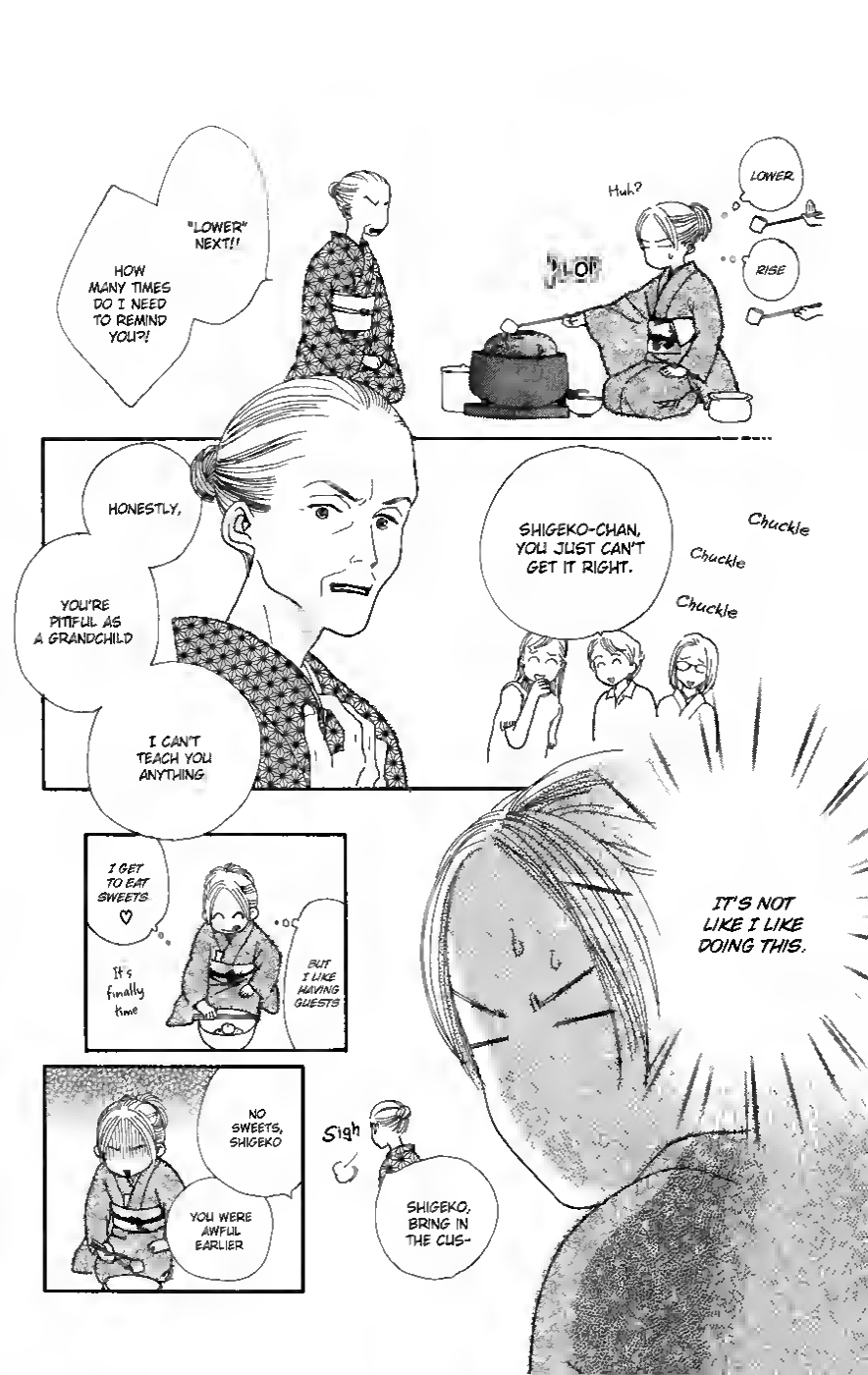
"LOWER" NEXT!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I NEED TO REMIND YOU?!
Huh?
LOWER
RISE
PLOP
HONESTLY,
YOU'RE PITIFUL AS A GRANDCHILD
I CAN'T TEACH YOU ANYTHING
SHIGEKO-CHAN, YOU JUST CAN'T GET IT RIGHT.
Chuckle
Chuckle
Chuckle
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKE DOING THIS.
I GET TO EAT SWEETS ♡
It's finally time
BUT I LIKE HAVING GUESTS
NO SWEETS, SHIGEKO
YOU WERE AWFUL EARLIER
Sigh
SHIGEKO, BRING IN THE CUS-

SIGH
HEY!
Haruki-kun works at his family's sweet shop, "Kumaya"
He's my sweetheart
(It's one-sided)
AFTERNOON,
SHIGEKO-CHAN
"KUMAYA" HERE
OH
HIRUKI-KUN

My grandmother hates my name.
Kumaya
It would be way cuter if my name read "Kaoruko" instead, though.
Yes, Haruki-kun can call me by my name "Shigeko."
HEY, BESIDES THAT,
DO YOU LIKE KARAOKE?
EH? YEAH...
SHIGEKO-CHAN, YOU DO TEA PARTIES TOO, RIGHT?
Kumaya
OH, IS IT DELIVERY DAY?
WANT TO GO WITH ME NEXT TIME?
EH?
YEAH BUT I'M NO GOOD AT IT...
Kumaya
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TRY IT.
AH, NO I BROUGHT SOME SAMPLES FOR YOUR NEXT TEA PARTY
SHIGEKO-CHAN, WHEN WILL YOU HAVE TIME TO DO THAT?
EH? BUT...

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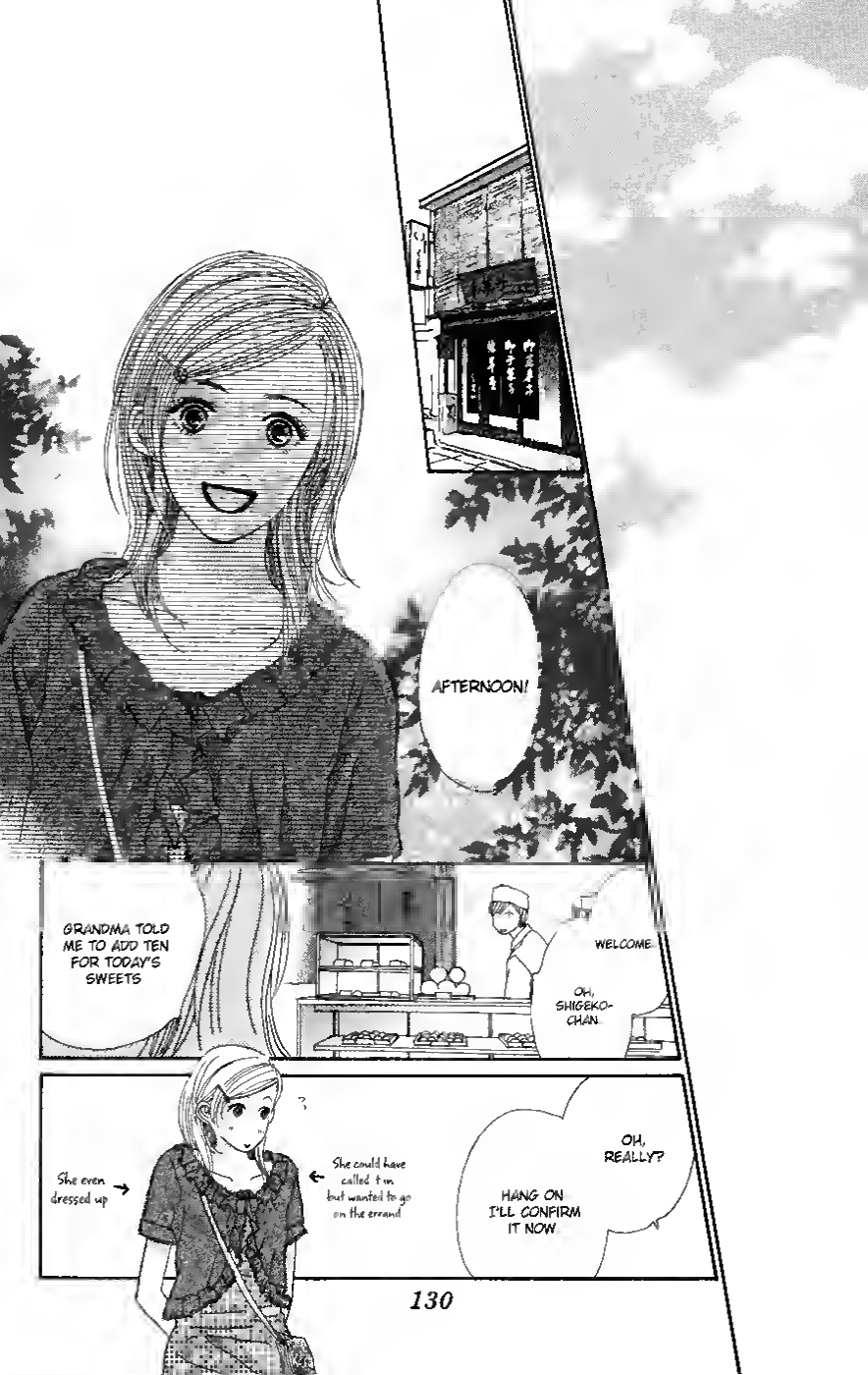
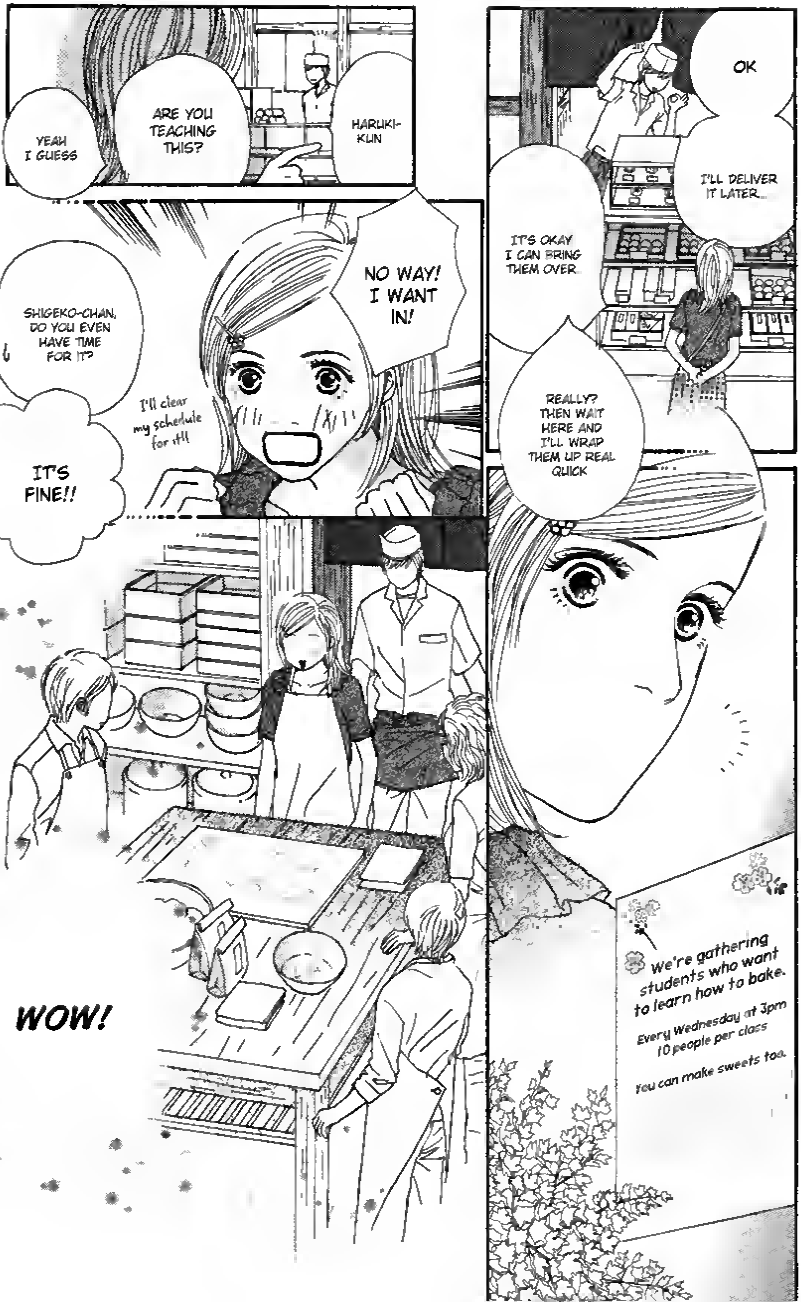
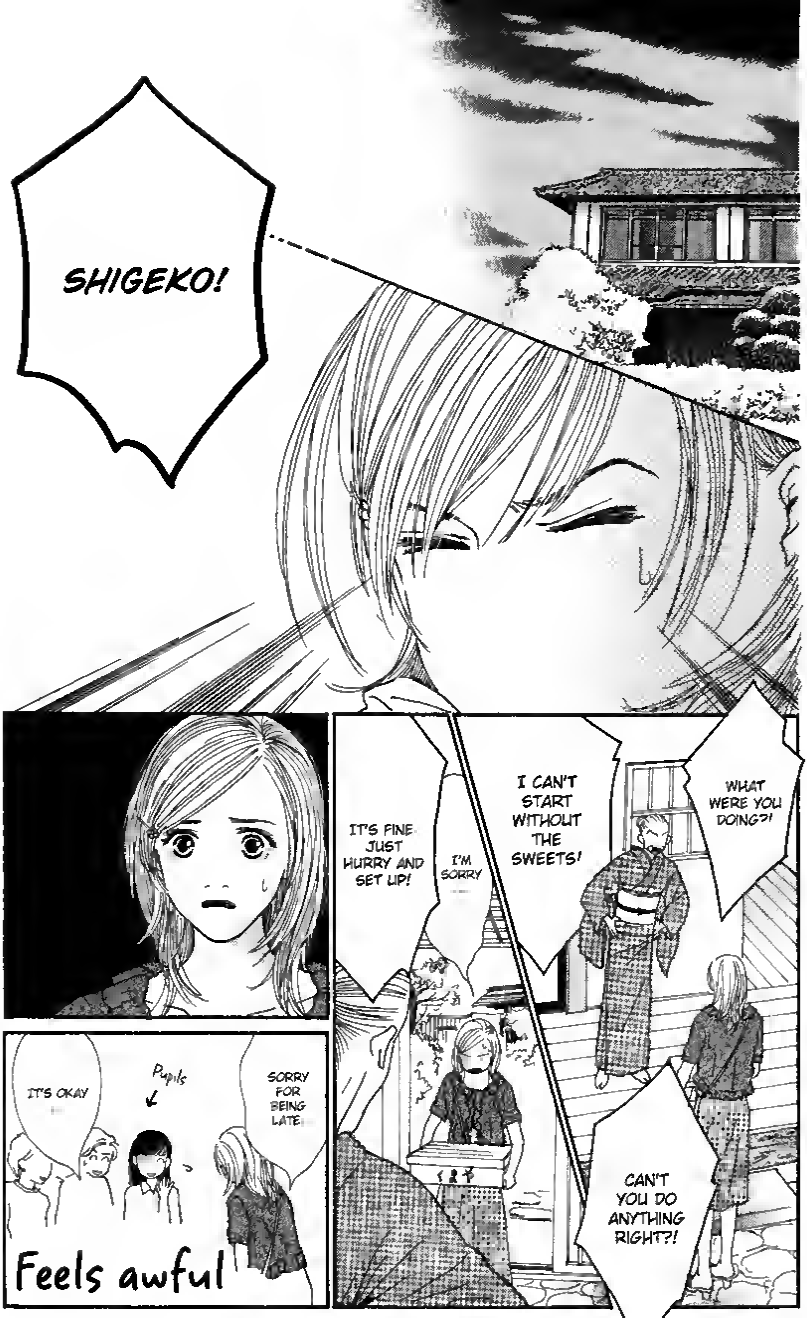
We stayed at Onazaki Hot Springs. The following day we visited a friend who I was in Toyama.
Along the way I began to wonder
I noticed Kitekito on the billboards
Kitekito
Kitekito
Kitekito
What? Is it a type of fish?
Is it a famous restaurant?
Mystery solved
Kitekito is a word that means fresh and delicious
Ohh
But this area doesn't use it
I got some locally made sweets from around here
In the middle of the Owara-Kaze no-Bon festival I enjoyed the many turrets in front of the Toyama station
Wandered into a convenience store
Trout Sushi
The famous Toyama Trout sushi onigiri roll
I just happened upon it
Delicious!
This Trout sushi is more than I can eat!!
Turns out the Chiba convenience store sells them
A nation wide expansion ?
END
Travel diary continues into the next volume
I have training every day.
I can't even go on a date.
Kumaya
Ugh
That's right.
Here are the samples
Oh the Kumaya shop
Hurry and set up!!
STOMP
STOMP
Okay
SHIGEKO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! WE'RE STILL NOT FINISHED!
UWAH
SEE YOU, HARUKI-KUN


AFTERNOON!
GRANDMA TOLD ME TO ADD TEN FOR TODAY'S SWEETS
WELCOME
OH, SHIGEKO-CHAN.
She even dressed up
She could have called t m but wanted to go on the errand
OH, REALLY?
HANG ON I'LL CONFIRM IT NOW


HARUKI-KUN
ARE YOU TEACHING THIS?
YEAH I GUESS
OK
I'LL DELIVER IT LATER
IT'S OKAY I CAN BRING THEM OVER
REALLY? THEN WAIT HERE AND I'LL WRAP THEM UP REAL QUICK
NO WAY! I WANT IN!
I'll clear my schedule for it!!
SHIGEKO-CHAN, DO YOU EVEN HAVE TIME FOR IT?
IT'S FINE!!
WOW!
We're gathering students who want to learn how to bake.
Every Wednesday at 3pm
10 people per class
You can make sweets too.

Except for tea ceremony, this is the first time I've taken lessons on anything
I never knew
There was
So much fun in the world.
VERY NICE
WOW YOURS IS REALLY GOOD FOR YOUR FIRST TIME!
So cute
Sample
Delicious


SHIGEKO!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?!
I CAN'T START WITHOUT THE SWEETS!
I'M SORRY
IT'S FINE JUST HURRY AND SET UP!
CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT?!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE
Pupils
IT'S OKAY
Feels awful

I thought I could learn, but maybe I should drop it.
Sigh
That was the first time I made a sweet.
Why has my mood changed?
MURMUR
Grandma's pupils aren't like that. They're oddly stiff.
Silence
TODAY'S LESSON IS FLOWER ARRANGING WITH BELLFLOWERS
I like these flowers
THE WALL SCROLL...
SHIGEKO, TRY READING IT
Why do I do this every day?
It's so boring
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT, WALL SCROLLS, AND TEA WATER ARE IMPORTANT
I DON'T KNOW HOW
I can't read that!

STIR UNTIL IT FOAMS.
FOAM IT UNTIL YOU CAN'T ANYMORE.
I ENJOY MAKING THE POTTERY
IT'S A SIMPLE PROCESS THAT YOU MUSTN'T FORGET.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT IN YOUR HEART YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.
FOAM IT? YOU CAN'T, RIGHT?
EVERY LITTLE DETAIL.

I WANT TO QUIT TEA CEREMONY.
SHIGEKO
ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW NIGHT?
EH?
SUNDAY'S CLASS...
SU-
SURE...
WE'RE HAVING A SLEEPOVER SATURDAY NIGHT.
CAN YOU COME AFTER YOUR TEA CLASS IF IT'S AT NIGHT?
WE CAN HANG OUT ON SUNDAY.

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I don't know about tea class,
but I can at least go after I finish my chores.
Yay!
Yay! Alright! Shigeko is coming too
SOUNDS GOOD.
Hahaha
Stop it
No way, Yamauchi-kun?
What's so wrong about hanging out with friends occasionally?
I want to know about the outside world more, too.

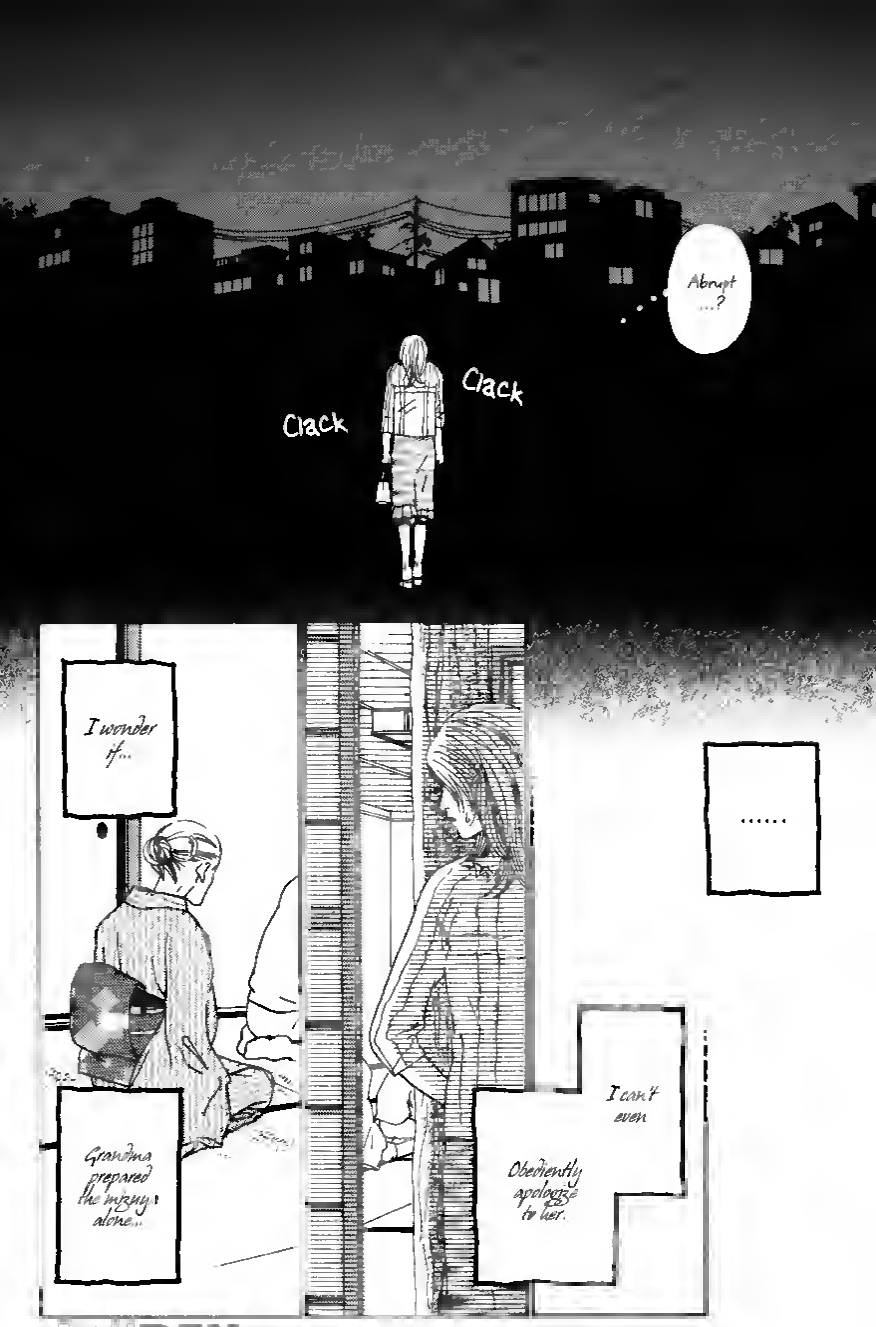
CREEP
I'LL CLEAN UP
AFTER THE TEA CLASS IS DONE...
SHIGEKO.
I CAN'T LET GRANDMA SPOT ME
WE NEED TO TALK.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP DOING IT IF YOUR FEELINGS AREN'T IN IT.
HOW MUCH PRACTICE DO YOU THINK THE STUDENTS DID FOR TODAY'S TEA CLASS?
YOU'VE BETRAYED THEM.
Eeeeeek
YOU SKIPPED TEA CLASS KNOWING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
I EXPECTED MORE FROM YOU.

YOU'RE EXPELLED.
SO SHE WAS THAT MAD, HUH?

BUT IT'S FINE
I MEAN, ME BEING KICKED OUT
I DIDN'T WANT TO WORK WITH TEA ANYWAY
I KNOW...
YOU JUST SKIPPED TEA CLASS WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT NOT WANTING TO DO IT
YOU SHOULD HAVE TALKED TO HER FROM THE START THEN
THAT'S RUDE EVEN TO US ARTISANS.

Ahh...
I even made Haruki-kun upset.
I'M SORRY...
I SEE...
Squeeze
I STILL CAN'T CONFESS MY FEELINGS TO HIM...



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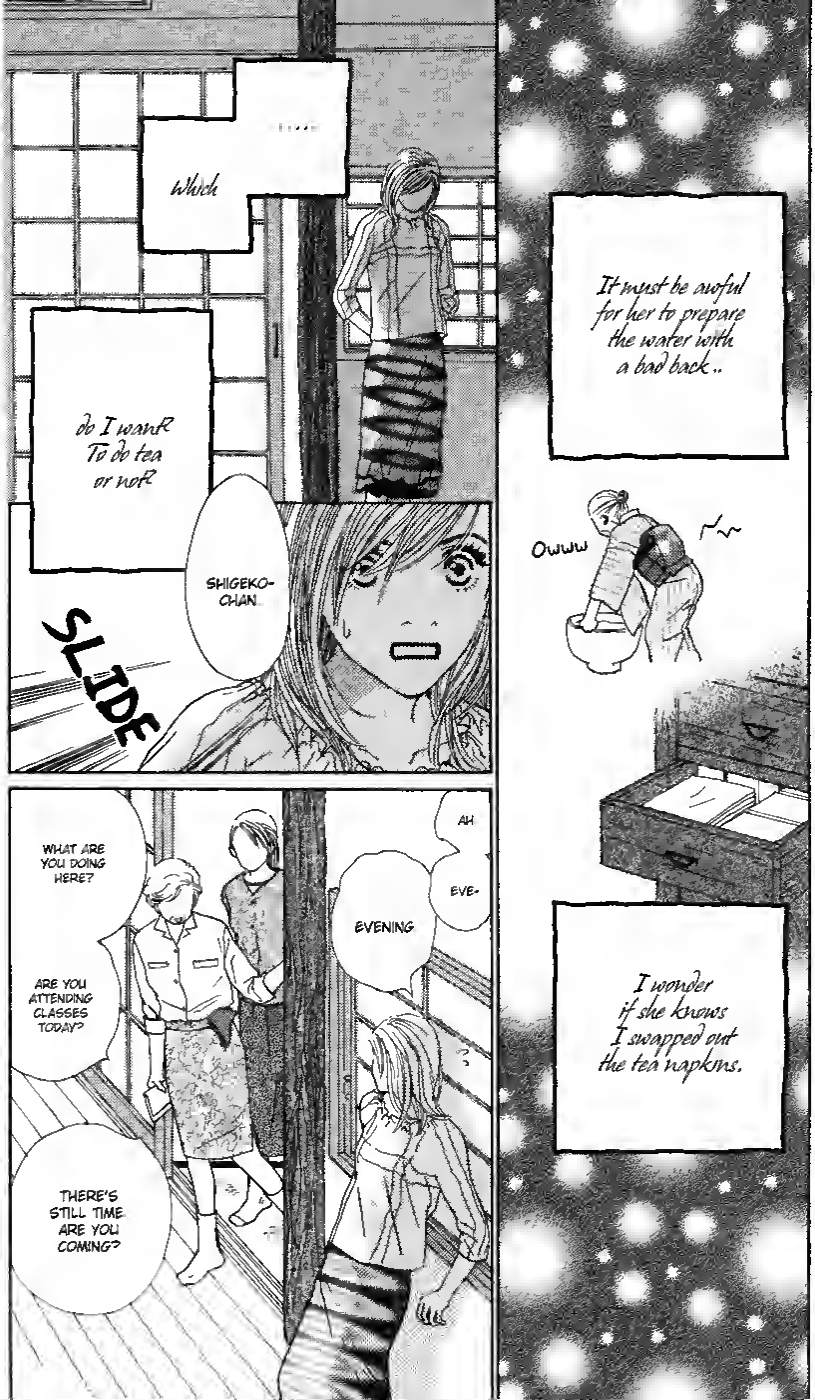

Which
do I want? To do tea or not?
SHIGEKO-CHAN...
SLIDE
It must be awful for her to prepare the water with a bad back..
Owww
I wonder if she knows I swapped out the tea napkins.
AH
EVE-
EVENING
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ARE YOU ATTENDING CLASSES TODAY?
THERE'S STILL TIME. ARE YOU COMING?

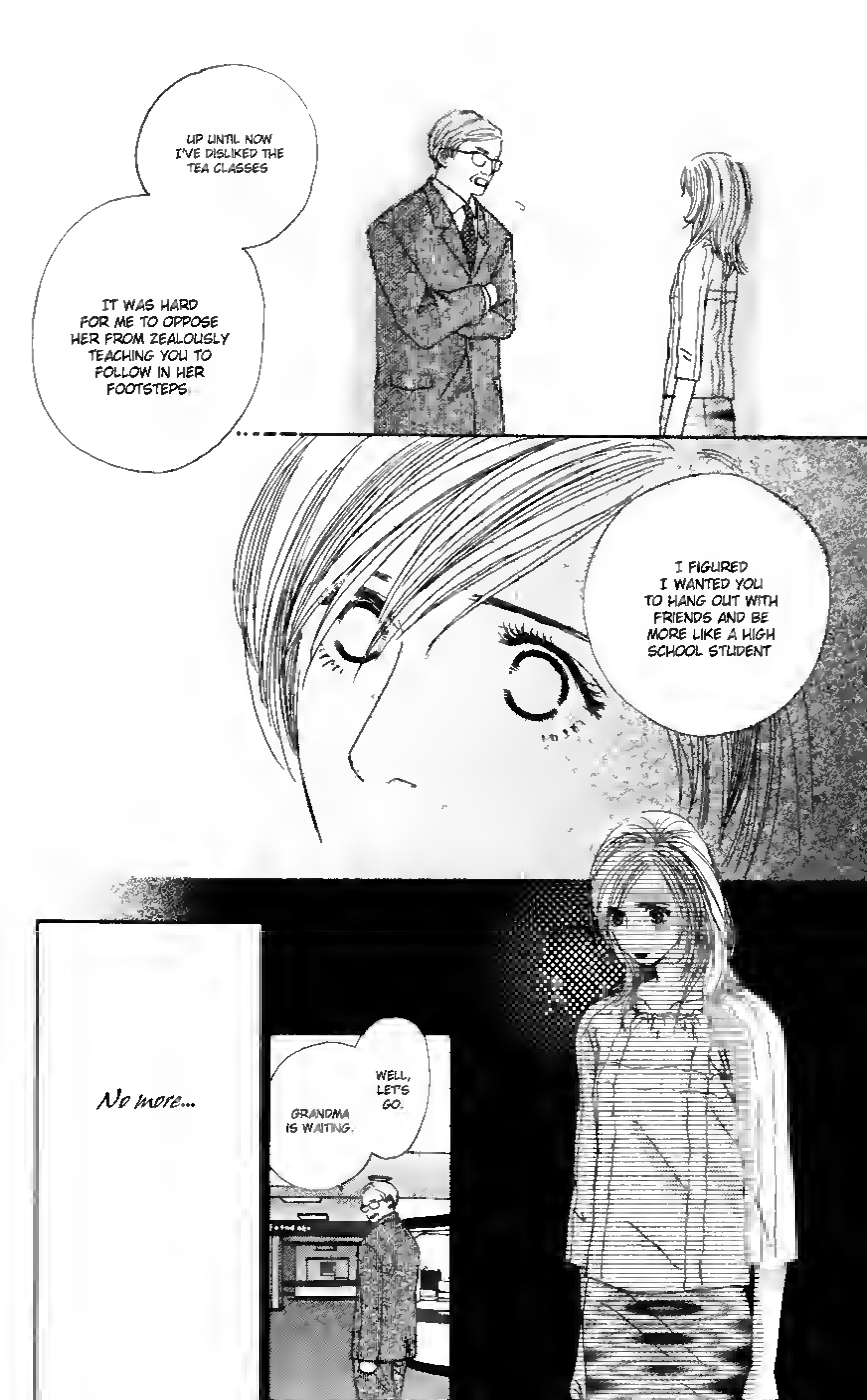
SENSEI IS ACTING STRANGE TODAY
SHE'S BEEN REALLY QUIET
NO, I...
I wonder what's wrong
IT'S SCARY.
SHE'S MAD
SHE
SHE LOOKS PALE TOO.
THIS ISN'T GOOD
I'M TOO SCARED TO APOLOGIZE
AH.
SHIGEKO-CHAN?!
DASH

EH?
SENSEI?
SENSEI?!

SENSE!!
SENSE!!
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
IT'S A SHAME
General Hospital

Father
IT WAS A STROKE OF BAD LUCK.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO STAY IN BED.
MOTHER, THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH. YOU'RE NOT YOUNG ANYMORE.
YOU'RE SO NOISY.
Honestly
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT TEA CLASS AGAIN NEXT WEEK.
Huh?
She looks well.
I'M GLAD IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GET SOME REST.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M LEAVING.
OKAY, OKAY
LET'S GO, SHIGEKO.
?
GRANDMA SEEMS WELL.

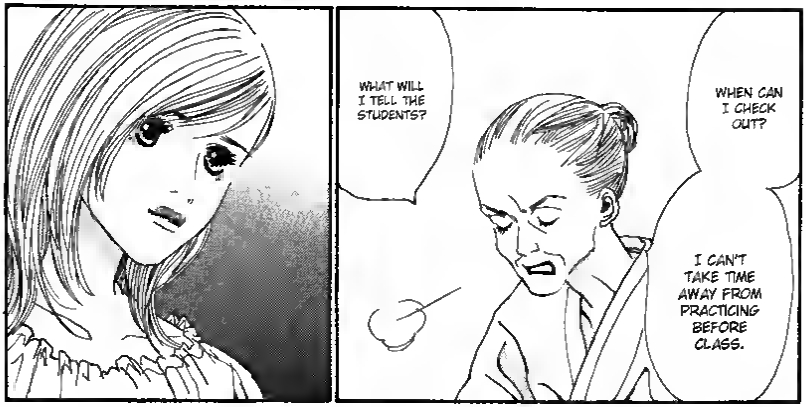
ナースステーション
IT SEEMS HER HEART IS IN REALLY BAD CONDITION
SHE MIGHT ...
NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL.
PREPARE FOR THE WORST
No way.
THEN... WHAT ABOUT THE TEA CLASS NEXT WEEK...?
GRANDMA TOLD YOU EARLIER ABOUT IT.
AT THE VERY LEAST, WE'LL HAVE TO CANCEL NEXT WEEK'S CLASS.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
BUT AREN'T YOU HAPPY ABOUT THAT?


UP UNTIL NOW I'VE DISLIKED THE TEA CLASSES
IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO OPPOSE HER FROM ZEALOUSLY TEACHING YOU TO FOLLOW IN HER FOOTSTEPS.
I FIGURED I WANTED YOU TO HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS AND BE MORE LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
No more...
WELL, LET'S GO.
GRANDMA IS WAITING.

Classes?

Up until now that class was the most important thing

to grandma...



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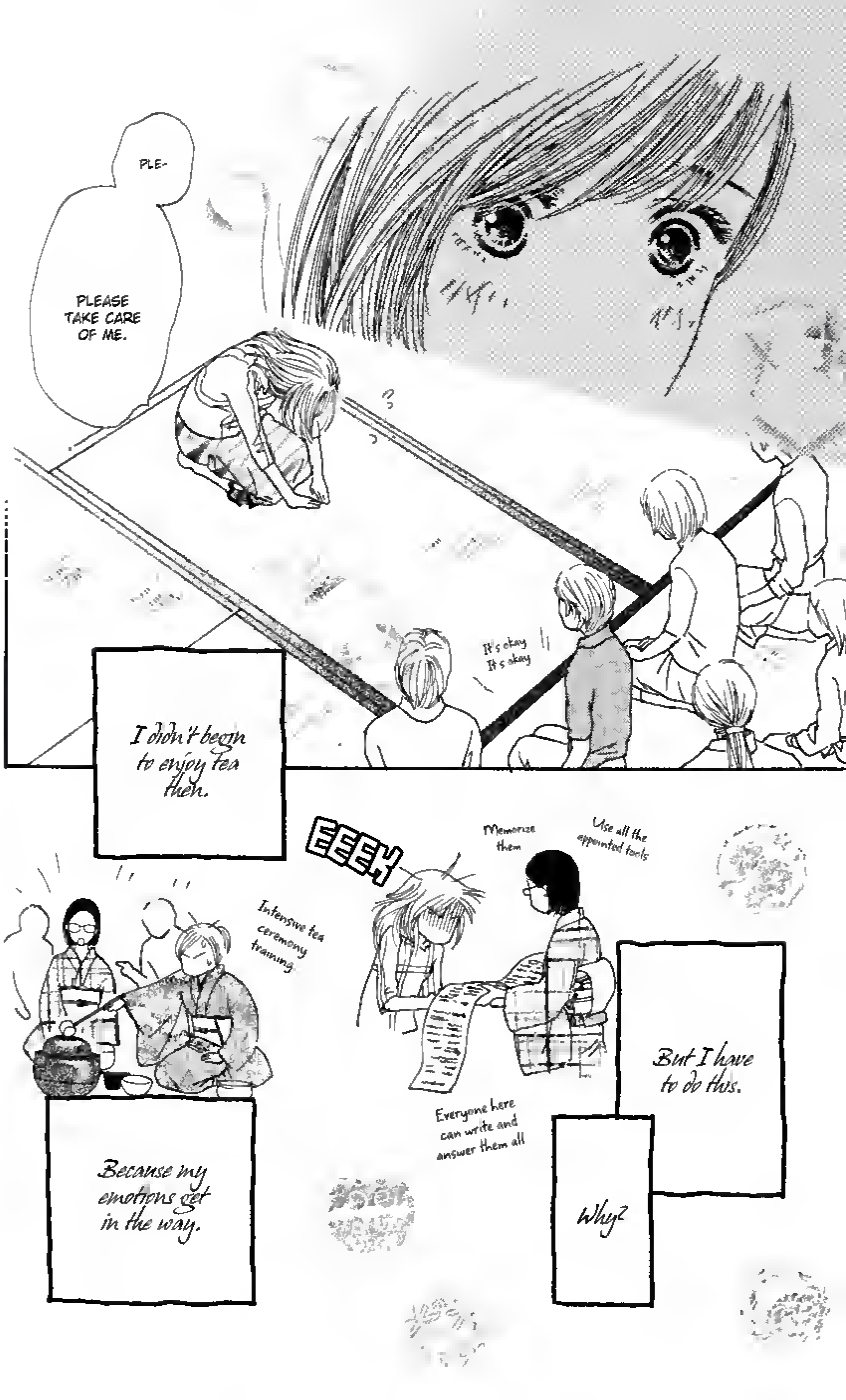
I'LL DO IT.
I'LL DO BOTH
SCHOOL AND TEA CLASS.

GET WELL WHILE YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL
WAIT ..
SHIGEKO?!
OH EXPULSION SOLVED
WAIT!
SHIGEKO!!

Students
AND SO
MY GRANDMOTHER WON'T BE AROUND FOR TEA CLASS.
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
SHOULD WE HAVE INVITATIONS SENT OUT?
WE'RE BETTER OFF SUSPENDING CLASS
THEN WHILE SENSEI IS RECUPERATING AT THE HOSPITAL...
AND SHIGEKO CAN'T TAKE OVER FOR SENSEI.

SURELY IT WOULD MAKE SENSEI HAPPY
IT'S FINE.
SHE DIDN'T COME TO PRACTICE LAST TIME
OR TEA CLASS
YOU'RE RIGHT
#1 student
LET'S WORK TOGETHER WITH HER.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SHIGEKO-SAN HAS BEEN WILLING TO DO IT.
PAT
SENSEI HAS BEEN TEACHING US SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. LEAVE IT TO US!!
IT ISN'T HARD TO DO A SIMPLE TEA CLASS.
Is that so...?
She's right
GOOD LUCK, SHIGEKO.
SHE'S RIGHT. LET'S DO IT


PLE-
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME.
It's okay
It's okay
I didn't begin to enjoy tea then.
EEEY
Memorize them
Use all the appointed tools
Intensive tea ceremony training
Everyone here can write and answer them all
But I have to do this.
Why?
Because my emotions get in the way.

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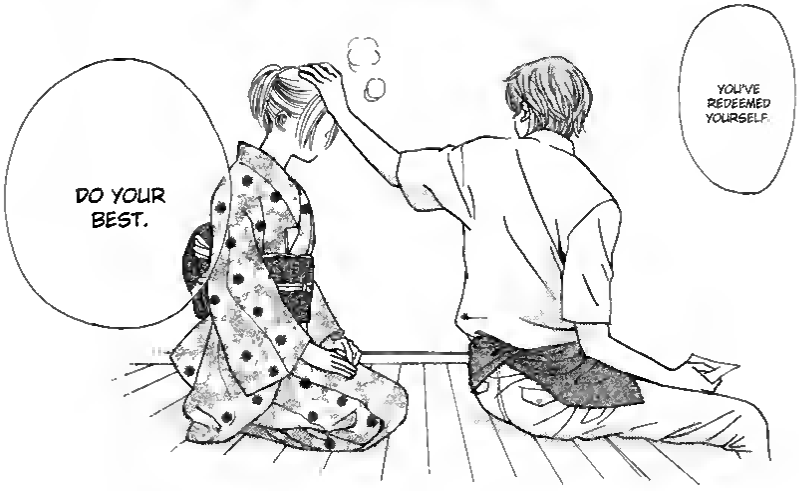
I HEARD THAT
YOU'RE THE NEXT TEA MASTER
THAT'S GREAT.
I KNOW
I'M STILL PRACTICING
YOU'LL DO FINE, SHIGEKO-CHAN GOOD LUCK
THAT REMINDS ME, HARUKI-KUN
...CAN YOU COME TO THE TEA CLASS?
HERE'S AN INVITATION

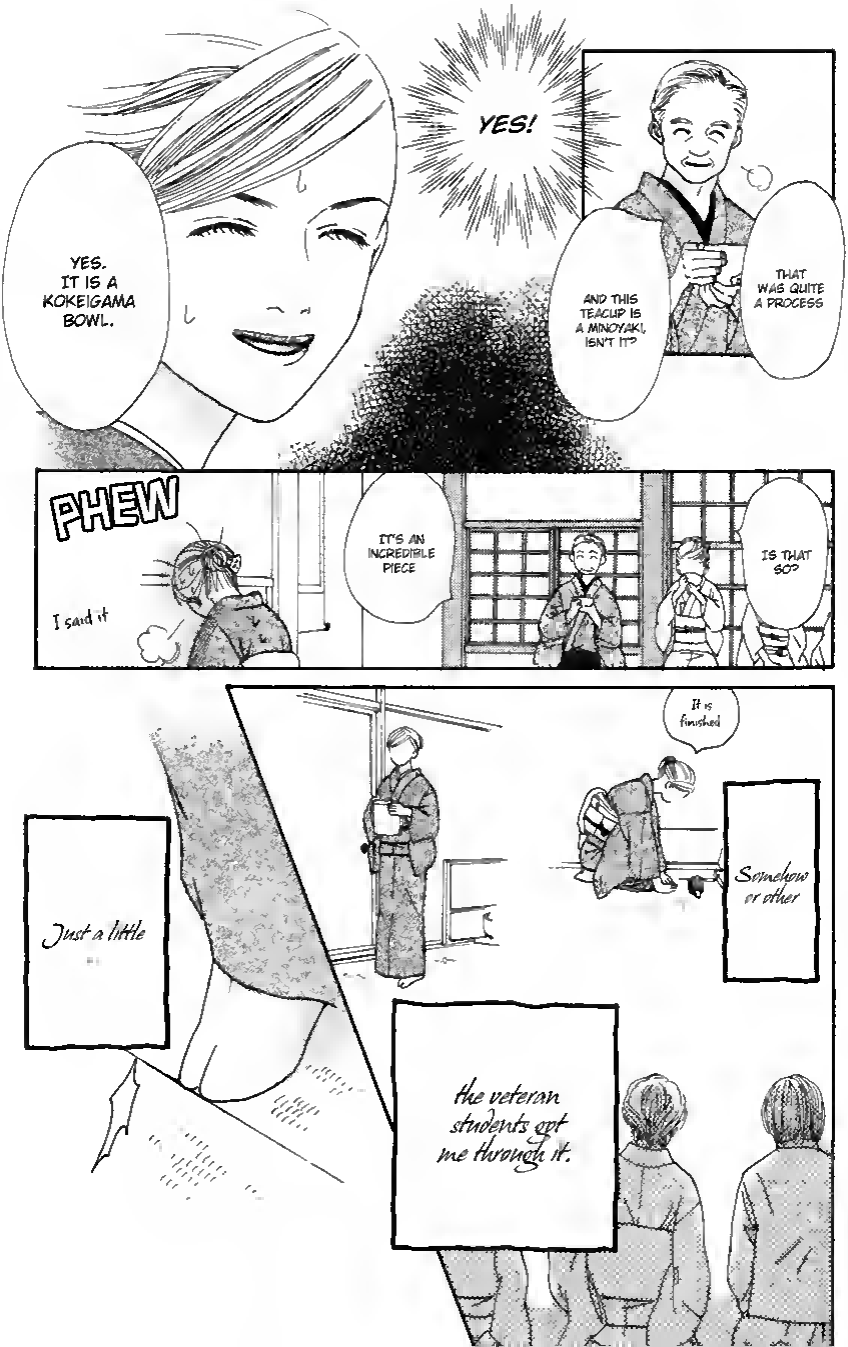
SURE
He more or less understands as the son of a pastry shop
I UNDERSTAND
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GO
I'D BE REALLY HAPPY IF YOU CAME. IT WOULD PUT ME AT EASE.


DO YOUR BEST.
YOU'VE REDEEMED YOURSELF.

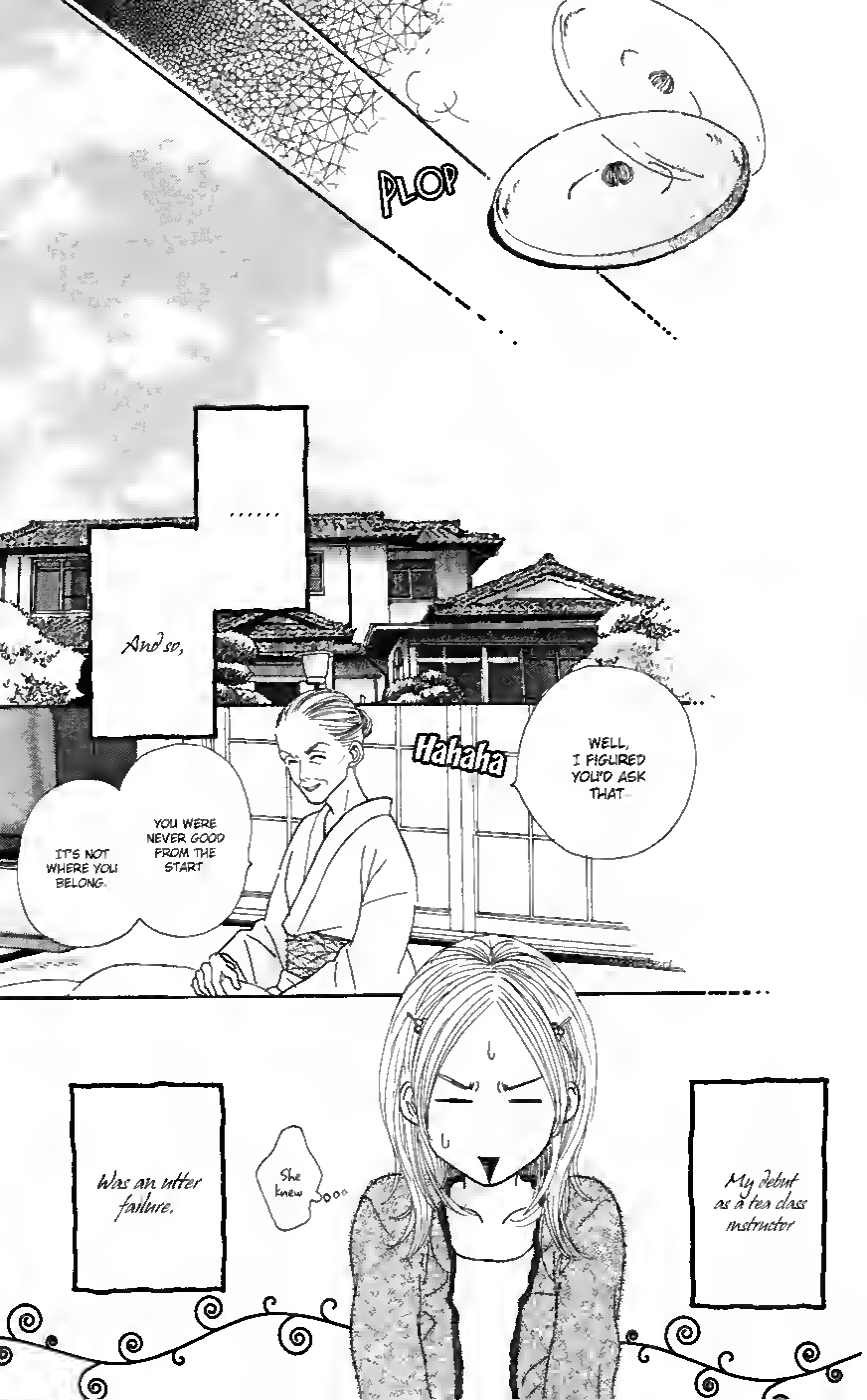
YES.
I WILL WORK HARD.
I'M GLAD...
THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO COME

flip
Guest of honor (#1 customer)
Smile
I'M SHIGEKO. I'LL BE TAKING MY GRANDMOTHER SOUREI'S PLACE.
I'M VERY INEXPERIENCED, BUT PLEASE DON'T WORRY

SWIRL
SWIRL
TINK
Students →
NERVOUS
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
Thump
It's the right consistency


YES.
IT IS A KOKEIGAMA BOWL.
YES!
AND THIS TEACUP IS A MINOYAKI, ISN'T IT?
THAT WAS QUITE A PROCESS
PHEW
I said it
IT'S AN INCREDIBLE PIECE
IS THAT SO?
It is finished
Somehow or other
Just a little
the veteran students got me through it.

Thud
Oh no
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
Silence


PLOP
.....
And so,
Hahaha
WELL, I FIGURED YOU'D ASK THAT...
YOU WERE NEVER GOOD FROM THE START
IT'S NOT WHERE YOU BELONG.
My debut as a tea class instructor
She knew...
Was an utter failure.

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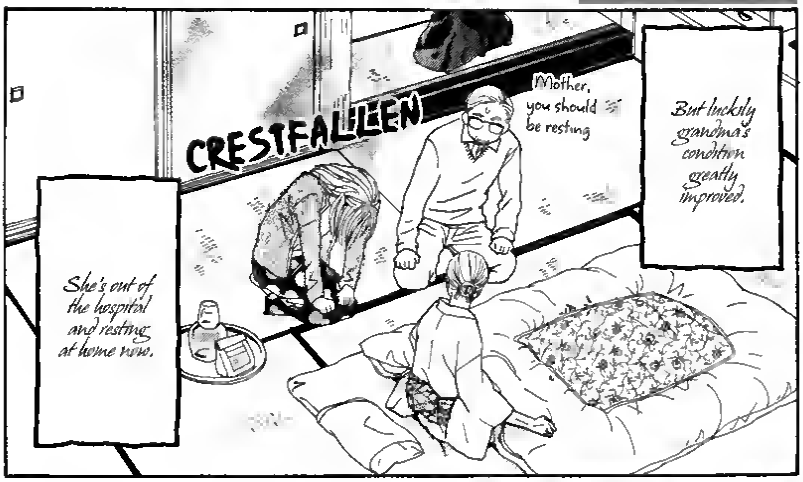
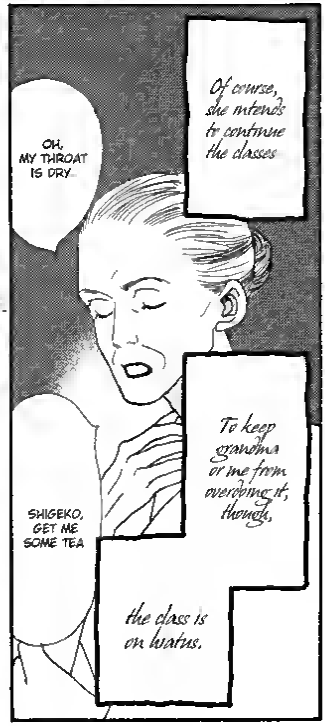
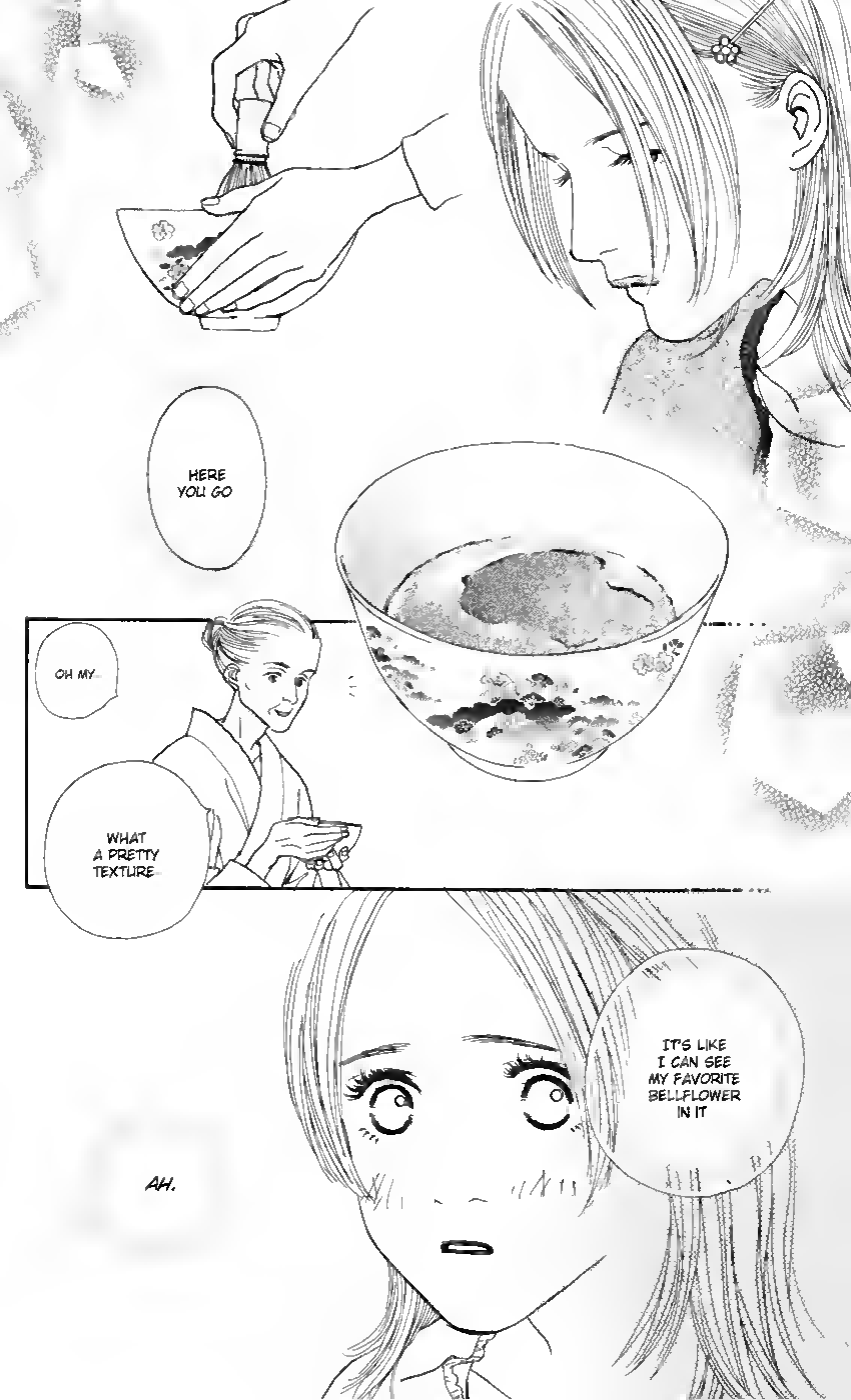
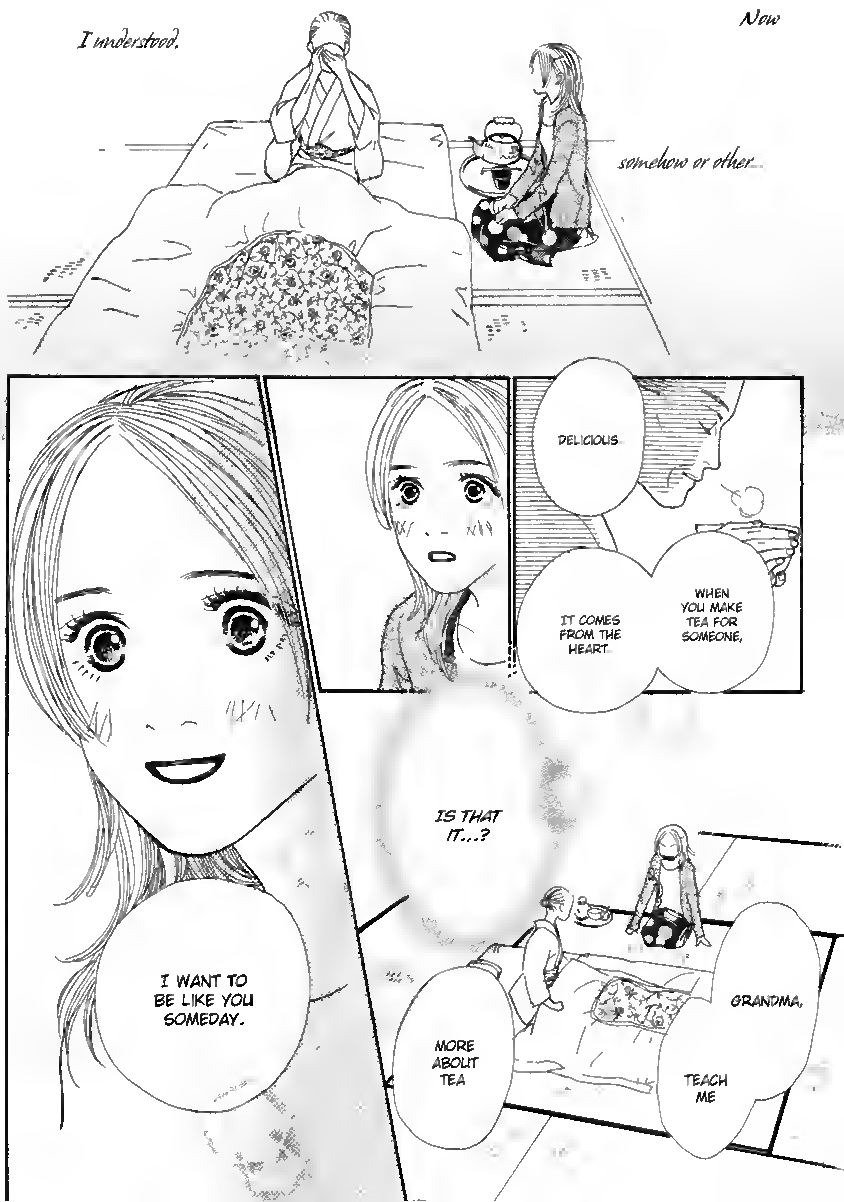
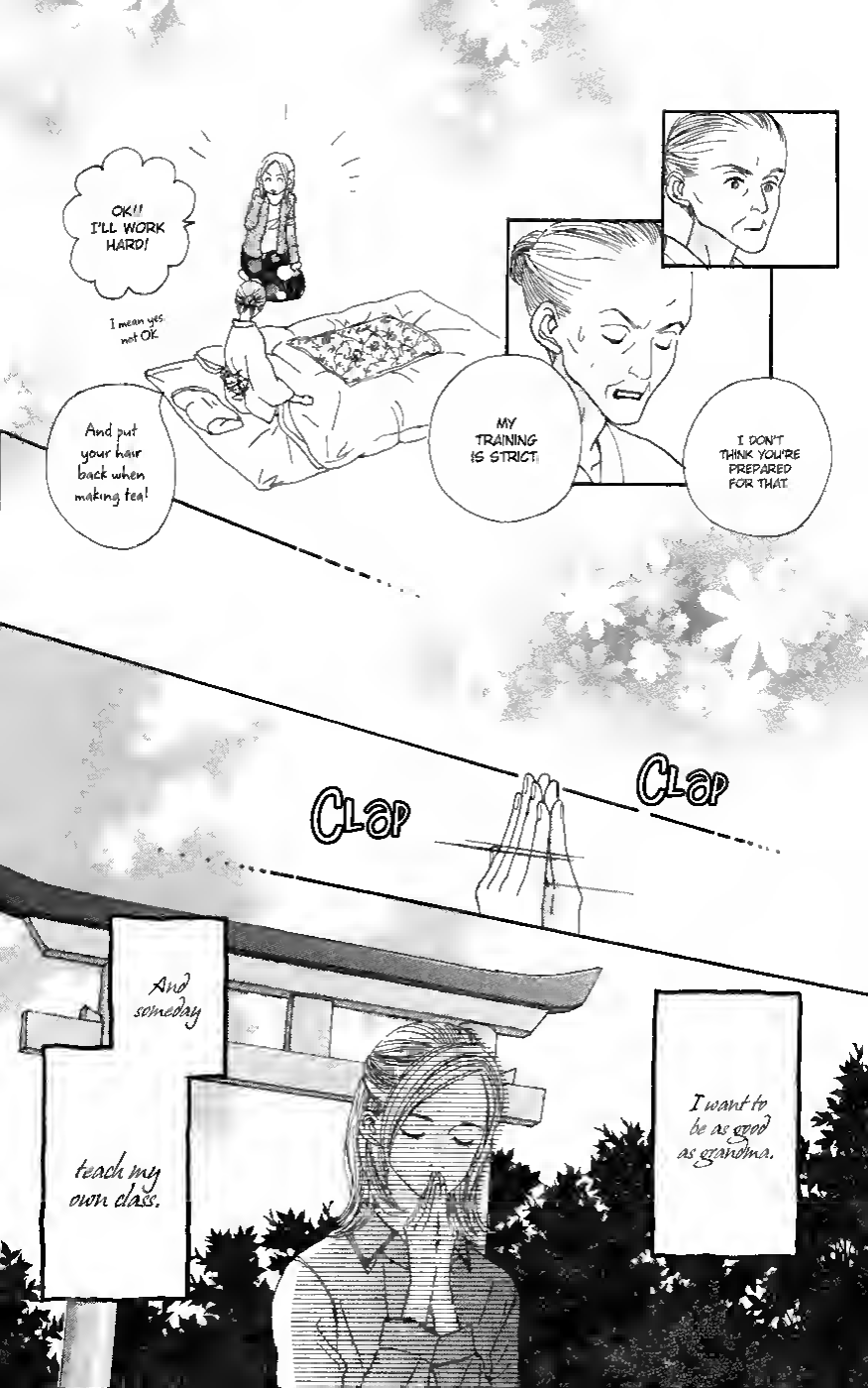

CRESTFALLEN
Mother, you should be resting
But luckily grandma's condition greatly improved.
She's out of the hospital and resting at home now.

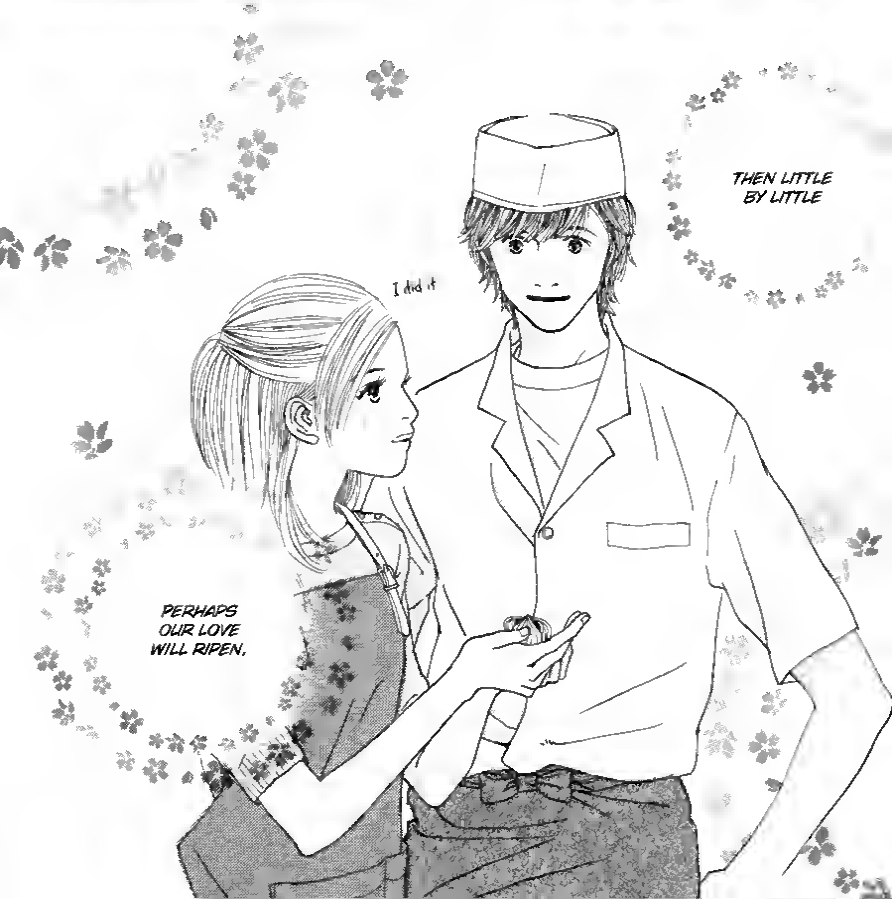

OH, MY THROAT IS DRY
SHIGEKO, GET ME SOME TEA
Of course, she intends to continue the classes
To keep grandma or me from overdoing it, though,
the class is on hiatus.


HERE YOU GO
OH MY...
WHAT A PRETTY TEXTURE...
AH.
IT'S LIKE I CAN SEE MY FAVORITE BELLFLOWER IN IT


I understood.
Now
somehow or other...
DELICIOUS
IT COMES FROM THE HEART.
WHEN YOU MAKE TEA FOR SOMEONE,
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU SOMEDAY.
IS THAT IT...?
GRANDMA,
TEACH ME
MORE ABOUT TEA


OK!! I'LL WORK HARD!
I mean yes not OK
And put your hair back when making tea!
MY TRAINING IS STRICT!
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE PREPARED FOR THAT.
Clap
Clap
And someday
teach my own class.
I want to be as good as grandma.

Today we'll be making bean buns
Hello
Hello
Of course, I'll make pastries for Haruki-kun.
Welcome
Hello


THEN LITTLE BY LITTLE
I did it
PERHAPS OUR LOVE WILL RIPEN.

MY RELAXATION

It's my relaxation trip.

Escape from everyday life!!

I can't seem to make plans or even hear myself think

Eh?! Where do we go?!

The deadline for your air miles is coming up

However, lately in my domestic life

Looking for a hotel day before departure

Did you watch TV the other night?

Carefree and calm

My ideal overseas long-term trip

Sigh

I'd love to be on a Greek Island

It's not really relevant but the previous trips do hold a purpose

This handy travel-sized parka provides protection from the cold and rain

Some day in the future we'll enjoy the places we visit

We took a freeway bus from the airport during rush hour

Everyone is quietly reading books and newspapers

My daughter kept singing so I gave her an onigiri to quiet her

I'm so sorry everyone

Shh Shh

Pffft I smell onigiri!

It's a three to four day short trip, so to get the most out of it we fly early in the morning

But of course it's not long before we want to go on a trip again.

I want to go on a trip

COLLAPSE

By the time we get home we're exhausted

Energetic child

This is once again annoying

Need to unpack

Lots of laundry to wash

What do we do for dinner?

Was this really relaxing...?

I'm a caffeine addict from drinking coffee all day

Yep.

My hands shake when I don't get any coffee

I can sleep soundly when I drink coffee just before I go to bed too

It's true.

To relax during my diary entries,

I have coffee time.

I can't get a decent trip

Lately my favorite has been Ogawa Coffee

Not whiskey bonbons

Incidentally though, I can't drink a single cup of liquor. I get drunk and can't work when I pour down on western alcoholic chocolates

Huh?

Is it still considered drunk driving if I can't drive a car after this?

END

They were really cute and delicious

I recently ate Richair chocolate

I don't know how many of the little things I ate

Unknown amount

Super chocolate

There are a lot of chocolates with caffeine too

And don't tell me I'm fat.

We stayed at a Chukura hot spring and played in the hotel's spa

Pool

Esthetic machine

I didn't hesitate on the weight loss course.

I've put on a few pounds but it's difficult to write about it... Did my bathing suit dry up? Enough of that

Wearing a yukata

One day

SHIVER

Freezing

I want to go somewhere warm...

Chiba Peninsula Diary

Tokyo

Disney Land

Chiba

Peninsula

This is my idea of warmer.

I lived in the Chiba peninsula but I don't get to go much.

We went out to eat and had puffer fish.

But I tried eating it anyway...

Eww! It's burnt!

My husband has eaten puffer fish before and never liked it much. Now it's my turn... I thought it was delicious.

The next day we went to the way station by Rose Mary Park.

Eh? This is the way station?

It was the best time to see the pansies.

It was a cute park.

But they didn't have Mucha flavor.

Farmland

Uhh!

Whoosh

Cow

Cold!

We ran into a greenhouse growing strawberries for shelter.

It was pretty looking at all the vegetation.

Strawberry! strawberry!

There was an amazing bathroom nearby.

Ate too many?

Sea World

HEHE

Sweet potato

Purple yam

Staring at the fish

We've gone to the aquarium many times I love seeing the new fish

No matter how many times she sees it... the whale costume still scares her

Newt!

Newt!

New clown fish were born

Peninsula Ice Cream Map

Oh?!

Saw this before our trip

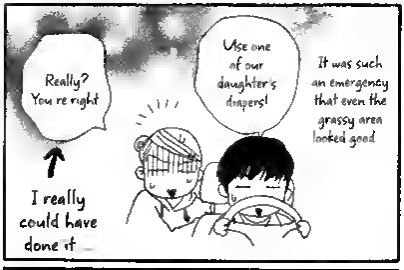
It's called plum cream

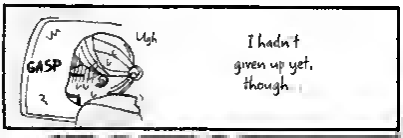
Hehe

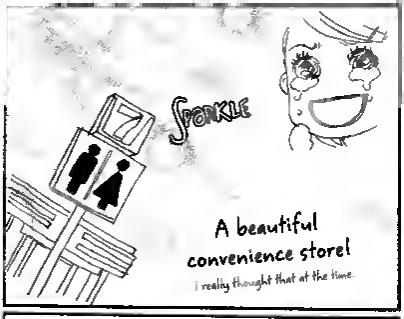
Tomura Way Station

Plum mania

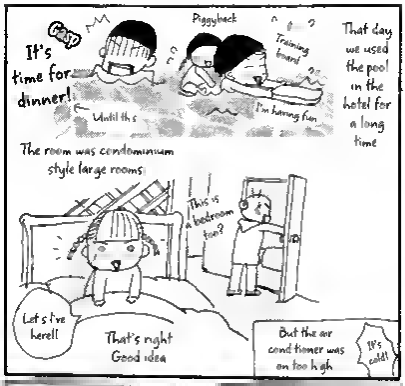
* The way station is on highways nationwide at the rest stops That plot of land sells special things


Really? You're right
Use one of our daughter's diapers!
It was such an emergency that even the grassy area looked good
I really could have done it...


GASP
Ugh
I hadn't given up yet, though...


SPARKLE
A beautiful convenience store!
I really thought that at the time.

In the end we went to the German village
WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE.
It's huge!
Everyone enjoyed themselves
It was clearly near our house. We went back next week. Next time we'll bring friends along.
I need them!
Of course I bought chocolates
END
It's huge. The German village, the plants, and the pastry shops were all cute


It's time for dinner!
Piggyback
Training board
That day we used the pool in the hotel for a long time
Until this
I'm burning fun
The room was condominium style large rooms
This is a bedroom too?
Let's live here!!
That's right Good idea
But the air cond timer was on too high
It's cold!

For my coffee break time I go to the restaurant for coffee in the morning.
SIP
SIP
I'll get to thinking a little later...

While on a mountain drive we stopped to look at a waterfall.
That?
Is that it?
Let's go to the German village!
END
The hot spring was nice.

Umm... Excuse me.
I need to go to the bathroom...
EH?!
Drank too much coffee
We raced up the mountain road
Of course there weren't any houses
We hit one too many way stations on the highway

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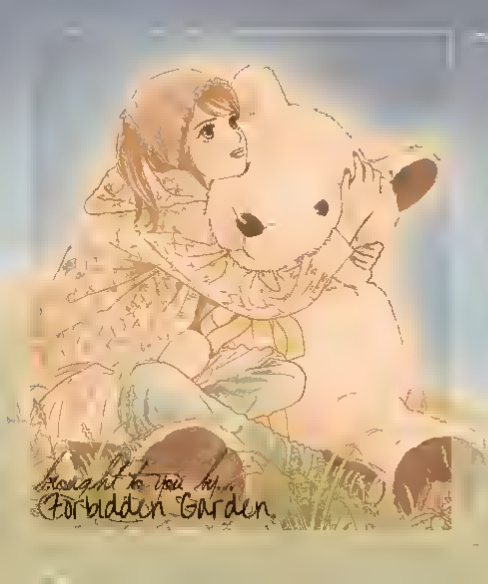

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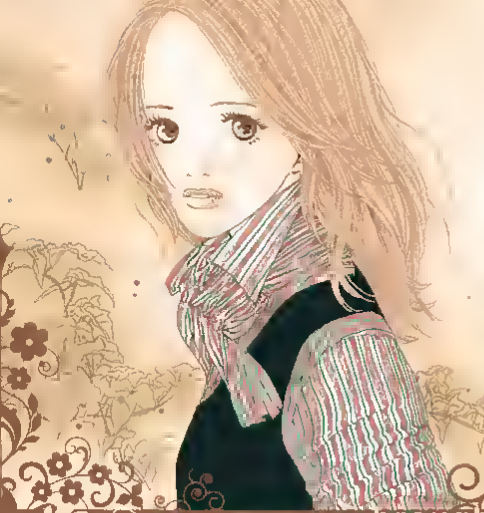

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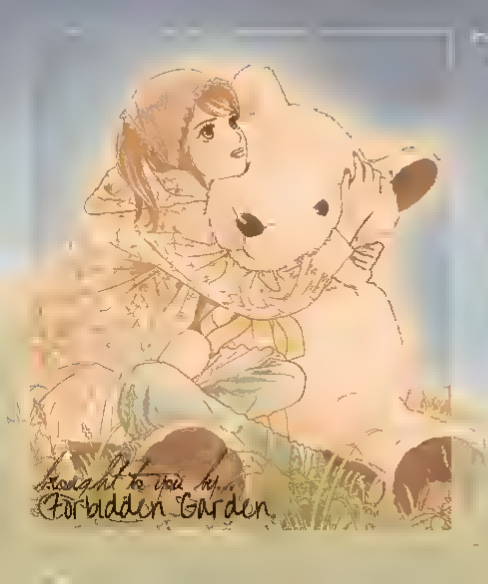

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YES!!
FORBIDDEN GARDEN IS RECRUITING DOES ANYONE FEEL UP TO THE CHALLENGE OF RISKING YOUR LIVES FOR SOMETHING I LOVE?
WE NEED CLEANERS, TYPESETTERS, EDITORS, AND TRANSLATORS - SO DO YOU HAVE A USEABLE SKILL?
YOU TWO ARE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE RIGHT?
Ryohh!!
AWESOME.
HOORAY!
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